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PREFACE.

The present SODALITY MANUAL is intended to supply the Directors and members of the Sodality with a reliable handbook and complete book of devotions in one.

The First Part, which treats of the Sodality, its Statutes and Rules, is taken from authentic sources. The Rules of the *Prima Primaria* as here contained, are framed according to the Apostolic Constitutions of the Popes, and have been at various times approved by the Father General of the Society of Jesus, who is also Director General of the Sodality.

The Second Part contains the Offices, customary to be recited by the Sodality—*The Little Office of the Blessed Virgin*, *The Little Office of the Immaculate Conception*, and *The Office of the Dead*. To economize space we have been obliged to give only one Nocturn at Matins, and to omit the Proper for Advent in the *Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. The Latin text and the English translation of the Offices will be found on opposite pages.

In the Third Part we have compiled a collection of daily and occasional devotions, with the Ordinary of the Mass, and special devotions to the chief Patrons of the Sodality. This part forms a complete prayer book in itself. Prayers and devotions that are enriched with Indulgences have been chosen in preference.

A small collection of hymns to the Blessed Virgin for the use of the Sodality completes the MANUAL. For the convenience of Music Directors of Sodalities, we have selected these hymns from one source—the *Roman Hymnal* of Father J. B. Young, S.J. The alphabetical index at the end of the book will greatly facilitate its use.

May this little offering contribute much to the glory and honor of the Queen of Heaven, and to the growth and prosperity of her Sodalities!

Feast of the Annunciation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
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MANUAL OF THE SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

PART I.

A.—INTRODUCTION.

I.—Origin and History of the Sodality.

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, as it is now organized, was instituted in 1563, in the Roman College, by a young Belgian scholastic, John Léon (Leunis), who used to assemble his most fervent pupils after class hours and on Sundays and holidays, to practise some simple devotions in honor of our Lady.

This pious custom already existed in several other colleges of the Society of Jesus. The true originator of it was a Sicilian scholastic, Sebastian Cabarrasi, from whom young Léon had learned this holy practice, while they were both teaching in the Jesuit College at Syracuse, in Sicily. The devotion was soon taken up by other classes in the Roman College, until it became general; then other colleges followed, and in a short time it had spread abroad so widely that the General of the Society, Father

Claudius Acquaviva, thought it important enough to call for regular organization and the sanction of the Church.

To the petition of Father Acquaviva Pope Gregory XIII., in 1584, acceded in the Bull *Omnipotentis Dei*, which placed the seal of the Church's formal sanction on the undertaking, by erecting the Roman Sodality as a Primary Congregation, with the title *Prima Primaria*. The Bull proclaimed the Indulgences granted to the members of the Sodality and gave to the Father General of the Society of Jesus the power to erect like Sodalities everywhere and to aggregate or affiliate them to the *Prima Primaria*, by which aggregation they became sharers in all its privileges and Indulgences.

Many other Popes have confirmed and enlarged these privileges and added new Indulgences. The most remarkable of these Pontifical utterances is the Bull *Gloriosæ Dominæ*, known as the Golden Bull (*Bulla Aurea*), issued September 27, 1748, by Pope Benedict XIV. Within a small compass seldom has a more glorious panegyric been uttered on the Blessed Mother of God, or stronger encouragement been given to join the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, which, in the words of the great Pontiff, has wrought good untold in all orders and ranks of men.

In our own days, Popes Gregory XVI., Pius

IX., and Leo. XIII., have ratified all the privileges granted by their predecessors, and enriched the Sodality with new Indulgences. Thus approved and encouraged by the Church, the Sodality is known everywhere in the Catholic world and everywhere bears fruit worthy of its Immaculate Queen and Patroness.

The following Popes were themselves active members of Our Lady's Sodality: Gregory XV., Urban VIII., Alexander VII., Clement IX., Clement X., Innocent XI., Benedict XIV., Pius IX., Leo XIII.

II.—Object of the Sodality.

The chief aim of the Sodality is to foster in the hearts of the members a more than ordinary devotion to our Blessed Lady, in order that, helped by her special protection, they may lead a pure Christian life and prepare themselves to die a happy death.

Pope Benedict XIV. said of the Sodality: "Christian youth everywhere, intent on honoring and serving the blessed Mother of God, under her guidance who is the 'Mother of fair love and of knowledge and holy fear,' is taught to strive after the height of Christian perfection and to press forward to the goal of eternal salvation."

III.—Practices of the Sodality.

On a day and at an hour appointed the mem-

bers hold their regular meetings. The usual practice of the Sodality, at its regular meetings, is to recite the Office of the Blessed Virgin, or the Little Office of the Immaculate Conception, if this is more convenient. In case of necessity, other prayers, hymns and devotions may be substituted.

The Director, or some one appointed by him, should always give an instruction at these meetings on some topic connected with our Lady, or, if it be evidently more profitable at times, on some other kindred topic.

Regularity in the holding of the meetings has much, if not everything to do with the success of the good work, and the regular instruction gives the Director an opportunity of doing much good to the members. A vast amount of instruction can be conveyed in a year when the work is not allowed to become desultory.

In the true spirit of the Sodality, the members should frequently receive Holy Communion—if possible, all together—especially on feasts of the Blessed Virgin : they should practise the devotion of the Six Sundays of St. Aloysius, and it is advisable that they devote some days every year to the spiritual exercises of a Retreat.

The good works recommended are not obligatory, but all or any of them may be done with great profit :

(*a*) *Every day*, to begin the day by some special prayers to their heavenly Patroness. In the *Prima Primaria* three *Hail Marys* are customary, morning and night.

To be present, if possible, at the holy Sacrifice of the Mass. To give some time to pious meditation or to spiritual reading. To recite, at least in part, the Rosary or the Office of the Blessed Virgin. To make an examination of conscience before going to rest.

(*b*) *Once a month*, at the very least, to receive the sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist.

(*c*) *Once or twice a year*, to make a general confession; that is, a review since the last one made.

(*d*) *At the death of a member of the Sodality*, to accompany the body to the grave and fervently commend the soul to God.

(*e*) *At all times*, to be earnest in furthering the interests of the Church and of religion; to strive, by example as well as by words, to lead back to the way of salvation those who have strayed from the faith or from the practice of virtue; to promote works of mercy, especially towards members of the Sodality in time of sickness; to aim not only at acquiring ordinary Christian virtue, but at excelling in piety, purity, humility, modesty, diligence and fidelity in the duties of one's state of life.

It is a special privilege of the members that they can second the efforts of the Church to counteract the spirit of religious indifference, so common in our age, by keeping the practices which have distinguished the Sodality where its purposes have been fully carried out.

In the history of the Sodality we find that its members have been the apostles of all good works, especially among men and boys. They should promote such undertakings, for example, as the Apostleship of Prayer, the Communion of Reparation, the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the recitation of the Rosary, and the attendance at Retreats and Missions, such Catholic Works as the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood, Catholic circulating libraries. They should be eager to encourage and help Catholic schools, to teach catechism to the poor and to abandoned children, help in the work of Sunday-schools, promote parochial and diocesan interests by lending their influence and their active co-operation to the ecclesiastical authorities.

The practical charity exercised in visiting the poor and the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals, will be a great safeguard for all, and, in particular, for young men, and even for men of mature age, against the seductions of vice and the dangers of idleness.

A true Sodalist will always be an apostle of

charity in aiding the needy to find employment, in helping to form associations that will save boys and girls, young men and young women, from being led into error and vice—in a word, by striving in every way, by word, by influence, and by example, to check the spread of religious indifference, to discourage the reading of dangerous publications, to thwart the cunning tactics of secret societies, which are apt to deceive the unwary by their specious pretexts of mutual help. Wherever its members have been true to those duties which are embraced in its general aim and purpose, the Sodality has been found to be a real power for the defence of the Church and of Christian society.

Two things are painfully clear not only to priests actively engaged in the sacred ministry, but also to every practical Catholic layman. Now that the masses are either being estranged from the Church by indifference or irreligion, or kept from its services by the endless toil imposed upon them by unscrupulous masters, the Church must seek them out and go to minister to them in their workshops and meeting places. This can best be done by Sodalities in which the more favored children of the Church will unite to act as the agents of her priests, who cannot possibly reach all. Again, the socialistic tendencies of our age must be counter-

acted, or at least directed to seek the welfare, instead of the ruin, of human society. The Sodality, uniting men as it does, to influence one another for good, and that under the patronage of our Blessed Mother, is a most effectual means of doing this.

IV.—Benefits of the Sodality.

Besides the mutual help of good example, of counsel and exhortation, and the general influence of the pious practices of the Sodality, Pope Benedict XIV. points out the great advantage of the particular protection of our Lady, which is most liberally granted to those who make special profession of devotion to her.

St. Alphonsus Liguori says that, in the course of their missions, he and his companions had much experience of the benefits of the Sodality. "Generally speaking," he says, "we find more sins in one man who does not belong to the Sodality than in twenty who are members of it." And again: "Mary will protect her Sodalists, in life and in death, as her devoted servants and her beloved children. . . . The Sodality produces such admirable results and blessed fruit because its members are provided in it with so many effective weapons against the assaults of the enemy."

"We may apply to the Sodality," wrote Father Stephen Binet, S.J., "what St. Bernard said of the religious life. In it:

1. "Men lead a purer life.
2. "They fall into sin less often.
3. "If they do fall, the fall is less serious.
4. "They rise again more easily.
5. "They walk more cautiously.
6. "They enjoy more tranquil rest.
7. "Their souls are more abundantly watered with the dews of grace and the favors of heaven.
8. "They make satisfaction to God, and avoid purgatory more easily.
9. "They die with more confidence and resignation.
10. "They are more gloriously crowned in heaven."

"This," he says, "is the decalogue of our Lady's Sodality; these are the ten great privileges she grants to all those who practise faithfully what they promise when they are enrolled in the Sodality."

V.—Principal Indulgences.

(For Sodalities affiliated to the Roman *Prima Primaria.*)

I. PLENARY. 1. On the day of admission.
2. At the hour of death.

3. On the feasts of Christmas and the Ascension; the Immaculate Conception, Nativity, Annunciation, Purification, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

4. On the weekly meeting day, or, if there is more than one meeting a week, on the day of Communion.

5. Once or twice a year, on making a general confession or review.

6. The Indulgences of the *Stations at Rome*, on condition of a visit to the church and there saying the *Our Father* and *Hail Mary* seven times.

II. PARTIAL. 1. Seven years and seven quarantines for attendance at Christian burials, and at public or private devotions for the dead, provided the latter devotion be approved by the Director.

2. The same Indulgence for hearing Mass on week-days and for the evening examination of conscience; also for visiting the sick and prisoners and reconciling enemies.

III. A Plenary Indulgence to all, even if not members of the Sodality, who visit a church or chapel of the Sodality, on the Feast of the Annunciation, or of affiliated Sodalities on the feast of their chief titles; also on the Secondary Patron's feast or on a day appointed by the Director, if the Sodality has no secondary patron.

IV. These Indulgences are applicable to the souls in purgatory, and can be gained by the members in any church on the usual conditions. Moreover, the altar of the Sodality is privileged.

VI.—Erection and Aggregation.

I. Sodalities may be erected in any church, chapel, college, school, seminary, or other institution. Even in the same place several Sodalities may be erected for different classes of persons.

II. When a Sodality is to be canonically erected and aggregated to the Roman *Prima Primaria*, the canonical erection may be obtained from the Ordinary and then application for the aggregation is made to the Father General of the Society of Jesus. Or, with the consent of the Ordinary, both canonical erection and aggregation may be obtained from the Father General, and they are effected by one and the same diploma. In either case, the consent of the Ordinary must be had, and, if possible, should be in writing.

III. The consent of the Ordinary being obtained, application is to be made to a Provincial of the Society of Jesus. Those who make application should specify the following items:

1. Class of persons: for example, students, men, women, young men, young women.

2. Chief title of Sodality, which must be some feast or mystery of the Blessed Virgin: as the Immaculate Conception, Annunciation.

3. Secondary Patron: as St. Aloysius, St. Agnes.

4. Name of church or chapel.

5. Name of city or town, and state.

6. Name of diocese.

7. Name of Director appointed by the Ordinary.

8. Whether the Sodality has any special statutes; and if so, whether they have been approved by the Ordinary, and what they are.

9. The date of the approbation, or of the erection and approbation, by the Ordinary.

There will always be some unavoidable delay before the diploma can be forwarded to the applicant, as in each case, the aggregation must be obtained from the Father General of the Society of Jesus before a diploma can be issued. Instructions for erection and aggregation of Sodalities will be sent to applicants on request made to the nearest Provincial of the Society of Jesus.

VII.—Direction of the Sodality.

1. (*a*) The Director of the Sodality must be a priest appointed by the Ordinary. Should the office and powers of director be entrusted to the parish-priest, chaplain, or other official,

according to a decree of the Congregation of Indulgences, they devolve on his successor unless the Ordinary makes a new appointment.

(*b*) Concerning the other officers of the Sodality, the manner of their election, their duties, and other particulars, full information will be found in the Statutes and Rules of the Sodality.

2. Some time of probation should, generally speaking, precede reception into the Sodality; those who are on probation may, however, be allowed to attend the common exercises, and thus gain a share in the Indulgences and other favors.

3. The reception of new members should take place, if convenient, on some feast of the Blessed Virgin, and according to the ceremonial printed in the following pages. It is to be noted that the formula by which the new members are actually admitted is to be pronounced not by the Prefect, but by the Director who may, for a good reason, *e. g.*, for greater solemnity, delegate any priest in his stead.

4. The names of the members should always be registered, and only in very exceptional cases can one who is absent be received.

5. It is earnestly recommended to Directors of Sodalities: first, to procure printed diplomas of membership, as also to distribute a

leaflet or card containing a summary of the Indulgences and the order of exercises at the weekly meetings; secondly, to have a Sodality register, to contain (*a*) the written approbation of the Ordinary; (*b*) the act of erection, if the Sodality is erected by the Ordinary, or a record of the erection and aggregation; (*c*) the Statutes of the Sodality; (*d*) the name, and date of admission, of each member; (*e*) the more important decisions of the officers and the noteworthy events in the history of the Sodality.

VIII.—Useful Hints.

1. THE STARTING OF THE SODALITY.—The first thing to be done is to apply to the Ordinary of the Diocese for his approval. This approval gives the right to form a Sodality under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to claim the recognition and protection of the Church. If the Ordinary wishes to erect the Sodality himself, his approval is asked to aggregate it to the Roman *Prima Primaria*. If he merely approves the project, both canonical erection and aggregation may be obtained from the Father General of the Society of Jesus, by applying to one of the Provincials of the Society.

2. ITS ERECTION.—The erection is nothing more than the act of the Ordinary, or of the

Father General of the Society of Jesus with the Ordinary's consent, giving legal existence to the Sodality.

3. ITS AGGREGATION.— Aggregation communicates to the Sodality the privileges and Indulgences of the *Prima Primaria*, head and mother of all the Sodalities.

4. ITS TREASURY —Only after the aggregation has been obtained can the Sodality draw on the treasury of Indulgences granted to it by the Holy See.

5. ITS ORGANIZATION.—As soon as possible after its erection the Sodality should be organized by the election of officers.

6. POSTULANTS.—It would be well to have a regular reception of postulants, at the beginning of their probation, which should last two or three months, at least, though this may be left to the discretion of the Director.

7. RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.—The lawfully appointed Director only, or a priest deputed by him, is to receive the members, and it belongs to him, not to the Prefect, to pronounce the formula by which the members are actually admitted.

8. ESSENTIALS OF RECEPTION.—(*a*) Except in extraordinary cases, the person to be received must be present. (*b*) He must be willing to enter the Sodality. (*c*) The Director must be willing to receive him.

9. MEMBERSHIP.—Each member's name must be entered on the Sodality register. It is also customary, though not necessary, to invest the new member with the medal of the Sodality.

10. TRANSFER CERTIFICATES.—Each Sodality should keep a supply of Transfer Certificates which should be given to those who leave the Sodality on account of change of residence or for any other good reason. This certificate will obtain for him entrance into any other Sodality without new probation, provided the Sodality is composed of the same or a similar class of persons, and has been aggregated to the Roman *Prima Primaria*.

11. SUCCESS OF THE SODALITY.—The success of the Sodality will depend upon the fidelity of the members in the observance of its rules, upon their regularity in receiving the Sacraments, upon the proper probation and reception of members, and upon the regular holding and attendance of the meetings.

12. DIRECTION OF SODALITY.—The Directors of Sodalities will find abundant matter for instructions and readings suitable to the Sodality in the Bulls of the Popes concerning the Sodality, in the lives of Saints and distinguished Catholics who have been Sodalists, and in the devout Catholic literature and theology on the Blessed Virgin Mary.

B. STATUTES AND RULES

OF THE

ROMAN PRIMA PRIMARIA

CHAPTER I.

COMMON RULES.

I.—Object.

Since it is from the most Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, chief patroness of this Sodality, we are to expect patronage and protection—as she is the Mother of Mercy, loving those that love her, guardian and protectress of those who piously and religiously seek her aid, it is of the highest importance that the members of her Sodality should not only greatly venerate, and in a very special manner honor her, but also seek, by the blameless conduct of their lives, to imitate the example of her wonderful virtues, and to excite each other to love her.

The accomplishment of all this will be greatly facilitated by the observance of the rules which it has been thought good to have committed to writing, so that, as far as possible, they may be common to all the Sodalities in union with that of Rome.

It is, however, permitted to each Sodality to have, besides these rules, others peculiar to itself, such as it may consider suited to the various circumstances of place and persons.

II.—Constitution.

The Sodality shall be governed by the Superior of the place in which it shall be established, and

by the Prefect of the Sodality itself, aided by the counsel of two assistants. To these shall be added twelve consultors, one of whom shall act as secretary. The number of consultors may, on account of the small number of members, be reduced to six; besides these, other inferior officers shall be elected according to the wants of each Sodality. But all shall pay due reverence, not only to the Director of the Sodality, but also to the Prefect and other officers, according to the rank of each, and shall obey them in all things relating to the Sodality. But when any impediment shall occur, they shall, as soon as possible, give notice to the Director or Prefect, that he may give charge of the matter to some other officer or member.

III.—Frequentation of the Sacraments.

As the end of this Sodality is virtue and Christian piety, for the attainment of which end the frequentation of the sacraments is of the greatest utility, they who wish to join the Sodality shall, before they are received, purify their souls from sin by an ordinary or general confession, as their confessor shall judge better in the Lord. Then all the members are to know that they should receive the sacrament of Penance and the Blessed Eucharist at least once a month, and also on certain feasts and solemnities of our Lord and His most Blessed Mother. However, the principal officers—that is to say, the Prefect, Assistants, Secretary, and Consultors—should go to confession, and, unless their spiritual director judge otherwise, receive the Blessed Eucharist more frequently than the other members, who should derive edification from their example.

IV.—Choice of a Confessor.

As far as possible, let an ordinary confessor be chosen, who, once that he has been selected by any one, must

not without good reason be changed. To him let each one unreservedly manifest the state of his conscience, and in all things that concern the direction of his conscience let each one allow himself to be guided and ruled by him.

V.—Order of the Sodality Meetings.

On Sundays and also on holidays of obligation all shall in the morning be present at the meeting of the Sodality, when they shall give about an hour and a half to spiritual exercises, according to the manner prescribed by the Director and Prefect. This shall be the usual manner of proceeding: (*a*) They shall begin with the reading of some pious book, which shall be read until all, or nearly all, the members have assembled; (*b*) then part of the Office of the Blessed Virgin shall be said or sung; (*c*) then a brief exhortation on matters tending to the spiritual progress of the members shall be given by the Director of the Sodality; (*d*) the exhortation shall be followed by the most holy Sacrifice of the Mass, after which, having recited the litanies or other prayers, according to the custom of each Sodality, the members may adjourn; (*e*) but they who have received Holy Communion shall spend at least a quarter of an hour in thanksgiving; (*f*) those Sodalities that have the custom of meeting again in the afternoon may, at that time, give a half hour or a little more to exercises similar to those of the morning.

VI.—The Celebration of the Feasts of Our Lord and of His Blessed Mother.

But since the members of the Sodality should make it their principal study to please God, and after Him the Blessed Virgin, as they are dedicated to her and belong to her by very special titles, the Director and Prefect should spare no efforts to procure the increase and ex-

tension of this devotion. They therefore shall take care that the more solemn feasts of our Lord and of the Virgin Mother of God be celebrated by the members of the Sodality with peculiar fervor and devotion. This devotion will be increased if, during the nine days preceding those feasts the members prepare and dispose themselves by some special observances, and, above all, by holy meditations. That this may the more easily be done by them, let the points of meditation and the observances be prescribed for each day, and let them, unless the expense be considered too great, be placed before the members in print, or read at a convenient time in the Sodality.

VII.—Pious Observances.

Where the custom exists each member shall bring to the Sodality a list of the observances he has practised during those days—but without signing his name—and shall put it into a box or urn prepared for that purpose; and these lists, having been reduced to order and copied into a book, shall be publicly read instead of the usual exhortation. Let them be read, if possible, on the day immediately preceding the solemn feasts, to the end that all may, by the recollection of what they have heard, be very much incited to increased fervor and devotion. The members must also know that they will render themselves very pleasing to the ever Blessed Virgin by not only making use of these practices on the above-mentioned days, but also by seeking every day, by some pious practice, to render the Mother of God propitious to them.

VIII.—Spiritual Reading.

As the reading of pious books is so highly approved of by the Holy Fathers, and is so powerful a help to spiritual progress, it must, therefore, be frequently used by the members of the Sodality. For this purpose, let the

Sodality have, if possible, a library supplied with such books and well filled in proportion to the number of members, from which they may, with permission of the Director, take books to be read afterwards at home. Let the person who shall have been appointed to this office by the Director distribute the books.

IX.—Annual Retreat.

Every year the Director shall appoint a time during which they shall go through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. An exact account of them shall be set before the members, that they may know what is to be done during each hour of the spiritual exercises; and this order all shall, with religious diligence, observe. He who gives the spiritual exercises to the assembled members should exhort them especially to make a good confession. To this end some short points of meditation may be proposed to them, generally on the use and frequentation of the sacraments, on the obligations of each one's state, on the choice of a state in life, and on other similar subjects that may especially at such a time be of use to them and assist them.

The exercises in the Sodality will be gone through somewhat in this manner:—(*a*) They may begin with the reading of some book treating of those matters that are to form the subject of meditation; (*b*) after the reading, he who gives the exercises shall propose an examen on the matters mentioned above, (*c*) the examen shall be followed by the points of meditation; (*d*) after which all shall be present at the holy Sacrifice of the Mass; then, (*e*) after the psalm *Miserere* shall have been sung, but in a low voice, and with such inflections of tone as may tend to produce compunction, all the members may retire; (*f*) nearly the same order of exercise shall be followed in the afternoon. The time of Lent, unless the Director of the Sodality shall judge otherwise,

seems to be the time specially suited to these exercises; (*g*) three or four, or even a greater number of days, according as the Director shall have decided, having been thus spent, all shall on the following morning be present at the meeting of the Sodality, and receive together the most Sacred Body of Christ; and let all the members take care that not even the least particle of that time, so specially acceptable, be wasted through any fault of theirs; (*h*) let them reconsider at home what they have heard in the Sodality, and let them give much more time to reading and meditation than they are accustomed to do at other times when not engaged in the spiritual exercises.

X.—Regular Attendance.

The greatest care must also be taken that the meetings of the Sodality be not omitted for any slight cause. But if anything should occur on account of which it may seem that on that day the meeting should not take place, it shall be the province of the Director to decide on the sufficiency of the cause, and having examined the matter in the Lord, and having attentively considered it, he shall decide as shall seem to him most expedient.

The days on which meetings of the Sodality usually take place are nearly all Sundays, solemn feasts, as the NATIVITY of Christ our Lord; the CIRCUMCISION, the ASCENSION, PENTECOST, CORPUS CHRISTI; ALL FEASTS OF THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN that are of obligation, and the feasts of THE APOSTLES. Besides these the feast of ST. JOSEPH, the NATIVITY of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, the feasts of ST. LAWRENCE and of ST. ALOYSIUS. On these days the meeting is never omitted, unless, perhaps, on Christmas day and Corpus Christi.

XI.—Record of Attendance.

They who, on the days and at the times appointed for

meeting, shall have been absent, must, as soon as possible, explain the cause of their absence to the Director, who is to judge whether the cause be sufficient or not; and if he finds them to have been in fault, he may admonish them as shall seem good to him; and for such absence, or for other defects, he may for a certain time prohibit their attendance at meetings, as shall be judged most conducive to the good of the Sodality and the glory of our Lord; and that the absence of any person may the more certainly and readily be known, the Sodality shall keep a book for the purpose, and in it the days during that year on which meetings are to take place, and the names of the members shall be so written that the absence of any one may easily be marked; though all should have so great a devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and so great a care of their own spiritual progress, as to have little need of these or similar admonitions.

XII.—Decorations to be Moderate.

In regard to festivities and decoration of the chapel and altar, during the course of the year, as well as other expenses, it is proper that each Sodality, according to the number of its members, should consider maturely what is expedient. They should be moderate in their expenses, and not exhaust their means in unnecessary decorations, but use them rather in a manner more conducive to the greater glory of God and of His Blessed Mother. Therefore, each Sodality, with the advice and approval of the Father Director, shall make rules, on this subject, which will cause the funds to be expended for the purchase of those things which are most recommended in these constitutions.

XIII.—Daily Exercises of Piety.

As soon as they have risen in the morning, and have given thanks to God for all the benefits received from his

Divine Majesty, especially during the past night, they shall make the Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity, and recite three times the *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*, in honor of the Most Holy Trinity, and once the *Apostles' Creed*, and the antiphon, *Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy*, besides other prayers, which each one may say as directed by his Confessor. They should not be satisfied with these prayers, but they should endeavor to spend at least a quarter of an hour in mental prayer or meditation, and hear Mass. At night, they should make an examination of conscience and an Act of Contrition for the sins of that day; then they should say the *Our Father*, the *Hail Mary*, and the *De Profundis* for the souls of the faithful departed.

XIV.—Pious Practices.

All the members are exhorted, as they profess greater perfection than others, to show greater earnestness, too, in pious and Christian practices, as, for instance, to confess their sins more frequently; to approach oftener the Holy Eucharist; to recite the Office, and the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin; also, to visit prisons, if the circumstances of the place and persons make it practicable; sometimes to visit hospitals, and especially on the days preceding some great feast of our Lord or the Blessed Virgin. These and similar works of piety they may undertake, and in these each member, according to his position and devotion, may be exercised, or the whole Sodality collectively, as shall have been arranged and advised by the Director.

XV.—Visitation of the Sick and Prayers for the Dead.

If any of the members be dangerously sick, the Director and Prefect shall take care that he be visited and strengthened by the reception of the holy Sacraments of the Church; and all shall in their prayers recommend him

to the Lord. In case of his death, if that praiseworthy custom of attending the funeral of members exists in the Sodality, let them not neglect giving this example of Christian piety. Then, on the first convenient day, the Office of the Dead shall be recited for him, either by all assembled at the meeting of the Sodality, or, at least, each one shall recite it in private. Every day during the octave each member shall recite for him the psalm *De Profundis*, with the Prayer for the Dead. Finally, the whole Sodality shall have the Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for him once at the altar of the Sodality, which, for the dead of the Sodality, is privileged.

XVI.—Letters Patent of the Sodality.

If it should ever happen that any member of the Sodality has to make a journey, let him give information of it to the Director and Prefect, and ask them for letters patent, so that he may be received as a member of the Sodalities that may exist in the place to which he goes; and since, even during his absence, he is a sharer in the merits of the Sodality, it is becoming that he should occasionally give others news of himself and of all that concerns him, writing to the Prefect and recommending himself to the prayers of the members. But wherever he may be, let him take care to show himself a true member of the Sodality, and endeavor, by the blamelessness of his conduct and the example of his life, to edify all and lead them to virtue.

XVII —Fraternal Union and Charity.

Let them all love one another with true and sincere charity, and be careful to preserve peace and fraternal concord, and, day after day, to advance in the practice of true and Christian virtue. They will be greatly assisted to the attainment of this end by frequenting the meetings of the Sodality, by not neglecting its pious exercises, by

often seeking the society of those whose conversation may be useful, by avoiding bad company, and all occasions that might in any way be injurious, as, for example, plays, quarrels, strifes, complaints, and other things of the kind that would injure the good name and reputation of the Sodality. Let them, on the contrary, try so to bear themselves on all occasions as to be thought worthy of being under the special protection of the Most Blessed Virgin.

XVIII.—Reading of the Rules.

These rules should be read after each election of officers, to remind the members of their duty ; and each Sodalist should try to observe them most carefully, without neglecting the observance of such other rules and customs as may have been adopted by the Sodality to which he belongs. The officers, however, should read their rules more frequently, and be zealous in the discharge of the duties therein prescribed or recommended.

N. B. These rules, approved for the *Prima Primaria* in Rome, may be modified in the application of details, according to the circumstances of each Sodality.

CHAPTER II.

ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE SODALITY

1. The Prefect and other officers shall be elected once (or at most twice) a year on solemn feasts of the Blessed Virgin. The Director of the Sodality, the Prefect, Assistants, Consultors, and Secretary shall meet, and after having recited the *Veni Creator*, with the usual prayers, and taken the votes, they shall select out of the whole Sodality three members who are noted for the example of their virtues and their reputation for goodness. Then let these be proposed to the whole Sodality ; he that shall

obtain the greatest number of votes shall be declared Prefect, the others shall be declared First and Second Assistant, according to the number of votes given for each. The Director of the Sodality and the Prefect shall take the votes. In a similar manner shall the Consultors and Secretary be chosen, but they shall not be proposed to the general meeting of the Sodality.

2. The Treasurer, Sacristan, Porter, and other inferior officers that may be required, according to the custom of each Sodality, may be selected by the Director and Prefect, together with the Assistants and Secretary, regard being had to the regularity of their attendance and the edification they give.

At the commencement of each Prefect's term of office all the officers, as well inferior as the superior, shall be changed, unless the Director and Prefect judge it better to do otherwise, which must not be without sufficient cause.

3. All the officers of the Sodality, superior and inferior, having been elected in this manner, their names shall be publicly announced in the Sodality on some feast of the Blessed Virgin. For greater devotion and solemnity the Director of the Sodality may confer on each officer the peculiar insignia of his charge. The Secretary, therefore, shall read aloud the names of the officers in the order in which they shall have been elected, and according to the rank and dignity of each. Let him whose name shall be read out, go to the Director, and, kneeling before him, receive from him the insignia of his office, and let the Director exhort him to discharge its duties with all becoming care and diligence, and very briefly explain the nature of the office to which he has been appointed.

The names of all the officers having been thus announced, either the Director of the Sodality or some one else shall address all the members of the Sodality, and

exhort them to regular attendance at the meetings, to observance of the rules, to devotion to the Blessed Virgin and love of her, and especially to the imitation of her virtues.

4. Should the Prefect die during his term of office, or, for some other reason, be unable to fulfil his duties, the Father Director shall substitute another in his place, unless he should think it preferable to hold a new election. This latter mode should be adopted when the usual time for the election is near at hand. The same should be observed in reference to the other officers.

CHAPTER III.

PARTICULAR RULES OF THE OFFICERS.

I.—Rules of the Prefect of the Sodality.

1. As the Prefect takes precedence in rank and office, and claims the first place after the Director, so should he excel the other members of the Sodality in virtue. Wherefore, he should observe with the greatest diligence not only the rules of his own office but also the common rules, those especially that relate to the frequentation of the sacraments, confessing his sins, and receiving the Blessed Eucharist more frequently than the others; and he should take care to advance the Sodality in the way of virtue and Christian perfection, more by example even than by words.

2. He must always attend the meetings at the times appointed, and should some time beforehand carefully prepare all that is required for the usual spiritual exercises, as shall have been agreed on between him and the Director. But if for some good reason he cannot attend, let him as soon as possible give notice to the Director, then the

First Assistant, or, in his absence, the Second, shall take the Prefect's place.

3. Although the Prefect has charge of the Sodality, let him, nevertheless, know that he is subject to the Director, by whom he is always to be guided in whatever is to be done. Wherefore, he must not change or do away with any custom whatever; neither shall he make any new arrangements without the knowledge and approval of the said Director, in order that in the Sodality the greater glory of our Lord and of the Virgin Mother of God may be more carefully and peaceably procured.

4. He shall take care that the common rules shall be read in the Sodality whenever the names of a new Prefect and new officers are announced; but, above all, let him take care that they be observed by all. Let him seek to make the other officers under him, especially the Assistants, the Secretary, and the twelve or six Consultors, observe each the rules of his own charge. Let him have the names of those members that attend the meeting marked during the meeting. Let him see that a book be kept containing the names of the members, whether present or absent, written according to the method already prescribed in the eleventh of the Common Rules; also another book in which shall be written the day and year that the various officers were appointed; and a third book in which it shall be recorded on what day and in what year each member was received, and, if it can be ascertained, the date of each one's death.

5. If any of the members fall sick, the Prefect should see that they be visited in the name of the Sodality. If the sickness increase, he should have prayers offered for him by all. In case there be danger of death, it shall be his duty to see that the sick Sodalist be strengthened with the Sacraments of the Church; and if he should depart this life, he should have the prescribed prayers said for the relief of his soul.

6. He shall sign, with the Father Director, the certificates of membership issued to the Sodalists. If any of the Sodalists, on account of grievous faults, are to be dismissed from the Sodality, the Prefect shall do nothing without consulting the Father Director, and act only according to his opinion and advice.

II.—Rules of the Assistants.

1. It shall be the duty of the Assistants to help the Prefect, by word and action, in the government of the Sodality. Hence it is proper that they agree in opinion with him, so that, by union of mind, the Sodality may the better succeed.

2. They must be present at all public and private meetings; and when the Prefect is absent, the First Assistant will take his place; and if both are absent, the Second will fulfil the duties of the Prefect They should often confer with the Father Director and the Prefect about things regarding the spiritual progress of the Sodality, and promote the same by word and example as much as they are able, with the help of divine grace.

III.—Rules of the Secretary.

1. The Secretary shall be present at all consultations. He shall record, in a book for that purpose, the more important proceedings; he shall, however, first show a copy of the minutes to the Father Director and the Prefect.

2. He shall keep the records with care and diligence. He shall not make known to any one what has been determined in the consultations; and he should know how to keep silence, of which the very name of his office reminds him.

3. It shall be his business to write the letters, orders, and other usual documents, and also to sign them and seal them with the ordinary seal of the Sodality, acting in all things with the advice of the Director and Prefect.

IV.—Rules of the Consultors.

Let some members of the Sodality be chosen for this office according to the rules for elections. There may be twelve when the Sodality has many members, but six only, when the members are not numerous.

It shall be their business to assist the Prefect in the consultations and in the administration of the Sodality, and on that account they should be selected from those more advanced in age and of more tried virtue. In giving their opinions let them always have in view the greater glory of God and of His Virgin Mother and the spiritual progress of the Sodality, and let them never allow themselves, through want of impartiality, to deviate from what is just. As has already been frequently said, let them seek to excel the other members in conduct as they do in rank.

V.—Rules of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall make no expenditure whatever without the order of the Director. Let him keep a book in which the account of receipts and expenditures shall be carefully entered, which he shall produce and show to the Father Director as often as he may desire. Let him take care not to ask in the name of the Sodality anything for any one, either for the ordinary or extraordinary expenses of the Sodality; but he must be satisfied with the money given by all the members, according to the custom, and the money that each, of his own liberality, gives when there is a meeting of the Sodality.

VI.—Rules of the Librarian.

The Sodality library and the books in it are confided to his care. Let him understand how important this charge is, and how much in the fulfilment of his duties he may serve the other members by his diligence or injure them by his neglect. After the meeting he shall give out the books to the members. Let him keep a carefully written catalogue of all the books, and let him place it where it may be seen by all, or show it to those who may ask to see it, so that each one having read it may get from the library any book he may select. But he shall give no book to any one without first seeing that he who gets the book shall write on a sheet of paper his own name and surname, the title of the book, and the day, month, and year the book was taken. The Librarian shall keep this paper till such time as the other shall return the book.

He shall not allow any one to take home two books at the same time, nor shall he allow any one to keep any book beyond a specified time; but, when they have been notified, all must bring back to the library any books they have taken out.

VII.—Rules of Those that Visit the Sick.

As it would often be impossible for the Prefect to visit in person all the members that might be sick, especially if it should happen that many fall sick at the same time, it is necessary that he should have some of the members to aid and assist him in so pious and holy a work. Their number shall be fixed by the Director, who will select those whom he knows to be, on account of their age and piety, best suited for this charge. Their business shall be to visit frequently the sick members of the Sodality, to make themselves accurately acquainted with their state, and to give to the Director and Prefect information of what they have learned, also to pray earnestly to God

for the sick, and to see that they are assisted by the common prayers of the whole Sodality. If the sickness become dangerous, let them give notice, as soon as possible, to the Director and Prefect, that they, as their office requires of them, may assist the sick person, and by all means in their power take care that a member of the Sodality dangerously sick do not die without being strengthened by the Sacraments of the Church. It will be useful, not only frequently to visit the sick who are confined to bed, but also to seek the company of those who are recovering, and this they should do in such a manner as to console in the Lord the sick persons by their spiritual conversation, and at the same time to cheer them.

VIII.—Rules of the Sacristans.

There shall be two, three, or four Sacristans, according to the number of the members. They should be convinced that in this charge and office they serve God, and after Him, His Virgin Mother; wherefore let them not think it beneath them to attend to the cleanliness of the chapel or place of meeting of the Sodality, or to undertake the like humble office at the meeting itself.

Let them be particularly careful that the vestments and everything that is used at the holy Sacrifice of the Mass be properly prepared and be as neat as possible. Let a list of all the furniture of the Sodality be written in a little book, which those going out of office shall hand over to their successors, showing them at the same time where each article is to be kept. All things belonging to their charge should be seemly, and properly arranged, and they should have them locked, and the keys should be kept by the Director.

They should not leave the place of meeting without cause and express leave of the Director, but should, with the others, be present at all the spiritual exercises of the Sodality. They should incur no expense whatever with-

out the knowledge and advice of the Director. Let them also avoid rare and costly decorations, which the Director, in his prudence, shall either altogether forbid, or at least so moderate that they may be procured with the least possible expense.

IX.—Rules of the Reader.

The Reader's duty is to open the meeting of the Sodality with spiritual reading; he shall, therefore, be very punctual in his attendance at the proper time. He shall read only such books as are assigned by the Father Director. As soon as the new officers are proclaimed after the election, the Reader shall read the common rules. He should read slowly, distinctly, and with a clear voice; pausing occasionally, that the matter read may be the more easily understood, and be impressed on the minds of those that hear it. Hence, he should call to mind the importance of spiritual reading, which not only contributes to betterment of life, but also leads to sincere devotion.

Chanters may likewise be appointed, and their duty shall be to intone the Psalms, when the Office is sung.

X.—Rules of the Doorkeeper.

This officer shall likewise be as early as possible at the place of meeting. He should have the names of the Sodalists in alphabetical order, written either on a board or in a book, so that he may easily find the name of any, if necessary. This book or board should be arranged in such a manner, that, by some signs indicated by the Father Director, the names of those may be marked who absent themselves from the meeting, or fail to approach Holy Communion on the appointed days. The book should be carefully kept; and hence it should be intrusted only to the care of one whose faithfulness and virtue are known to the Father Director.

CHAPTER IV.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

1. When candidates present themselves for admission into the Sodality, the Director shall take means to ascertain their fitness for membership and then propose their application in a meeting of the Consultors. If they are accepted as Postulants, they may begin their term of probation, during which they may attend the meetings of the Sodality under the direction of the Instructor of Candidates.

2. Before they are admitted as members, they must again be proposed to the Consultors, in order that from them and from the Instructor of Candidates the Director may learn whether they have given satisfaction during the term of probation. The Director and the Consultors shall decide whether they are to be rejected, to be kept longer on trial, or to be admitted. In any case, the consent of the Director is necessary; for without his knowledge and approval nothing is valid.

3. When the time for the admission of candidates is at hand, they should be admonished to prepare themselves for Confession and Communion, in order that they may gain the Plenary Indulgence granted to members on the day of their entrance into the Sodality.

4. The Director will appoint the time for the ceremony of reception, which may take place at any meeting of the Sodality, though some feast of the Blessed Virgin would obviously be the most fitting day.

5. The ceremony of reception should be made as imposing as possible. The church or chapel should have something of a festive appearance, a discourse appropriate to the occasion should be given before the reception, and everything should tend to make the event a memorable one for those who take part in it.

6. In Sodalities in which it is customary to admit candidates to probation, with some formality, the following formula may be used:

"Holy Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, I, N., desiring to become one of thy privileged children, resolve, on this day, with the divine assistance, and aided by thy powerful intercession, to imitate thy virtues, that I may deserve to be received as a member of this Sodality, erected to thy honor and to the greater glory of thy divine Son. Amen."

CHAPTER V.

THE SOLEMN RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

Synopsis of the Ceremonial of Reception.

1. *Veni Creator*, or *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, or a hymn to the Blessed Virgin.

2. Sermon.

3. Blessing of medals with which the new members are to be invested.

4. The candidates' names are read, and they approach the altar rail.

5. The candidates are questioned by the Director, as in ceremonial.

6. The *Veni Creator* is recited.

7. The candidates recite the Act of Consecration.

8. The candidates are invested with the medals.

9. The *Magnificat* or a hymn to the Blessed Virgin is sung.

10. The Director announces the Plenary Indulgence attached to the Consecration, and the prayers (which may

be five *Our Fathers* and five *Hail Marys*) are recited for the intentions of the Pope.

11. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, if permitted by the Ordinary.

12. The ceremony may be concluded by the *Te Deum*, or *Holy God, we praise Thy name.*

CHAPTER VI.

CEREMONY OF SOLEMN RECEPTION.

The *Veni Creator* is intoned by the Celebrant, and continued by the Choir.

VENI Creator Spiritus	COME, O Creator, Spirit blessed,
Mentes tuorum visita,	And in our souls take up Thy rest;
Imple superna gratia,	Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
Quæ tu creasti pectora.	To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.
Qui diceris Paraclitus,	Great Paraclete, to Thee we cry;
Altissimi donum Dei,	O highest gift of God most high!
Fons vivus, ignis, charitas,	O fount of life, O fire of love,
Et spiritalis unctio.	And sweet anointing from above;
Tu septiformis munere,	Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;
Digitus Paternæ dexteræ,	The finger of God's hand we own;

Tu rite promissum Patris,
Sermone ditans guttura.

The promise of the Father Thou,
Who dost the tongue with pow'r endow.

Accende lumen sensibus
Infunde amorem cordibus,
Infirma nostri corporis
Virtute firmans perpeti.

Kindle our senses from above,
And make our hearts o'erflow with love,
With patience firm, and virtue high,
The weakness of our flesh supply.

Hostem repellas longius,
Pacemque dones protinus;
Ductore sic te prævio.
Vitemus omne noxium.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
And grant us Thy true peace instead;
So shall we not, with Thee for guide,
Turn from the path of life aside.

Per te sciamus da Patrem,
Noscamus atque Filium,
Teque utriusque Spiritum
Credamus omni tempore.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow
The Father and the Son to know,
And Thee through endless times confessed
Of both th' eternal Spirit blessed.

Deo Patri sit gloria,
Et Filio, qui a mortuis

All glory while the ages run.
Be to the Father and the Son,

Surrexit, ac Paraclito,
In sæculorum sæcula.
Amen.

V. Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur. (Alleluia.)

R. Et renovabis faciem terræ. (Alleluia.)

Who rose from death; the same to Thee,
O Holy Ghost, eternally.
Amen.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and They shall be created. (Alleluia.)

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

DEUS, qui corda fidelium sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti: da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere. Per Christum, Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us, by the same Spirit to relish what is right, and evermore to rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here follows the Sermon.

The Blessing of the Medals.

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

V. Domine exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord

R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus, qui sanctorum tuorum imagines (sive effigies) sculpi aut pingi non reprobas, ut quoties illas oculis corporis intuemur, toties eorum actus et sanctitatem ad imitandum memoriæ oculis meditemur; has quæsumus, imagines in honorem et memoriam beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ, Matris Domini nostri Jesu Christi, adaptatas bene ✠ dicere et sancti ✠ ficare digneris, et præsta, ut quicumque coram illis beatissimam Virginem suppliciter colere et honorare studuerit illius meritis et obtentu a te gratiam in præsenti et æternam gloriam obtineat in futurum. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast permitted the images of Thy saints to be carved or painted in order that beholding them every day with our corporal eyes and meditating upon the actions and sanctity of Thy saints, we may be led to imitate their virtues. Deign to bless and to sanctify these medals which have been made in honor and commemoration of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant that whoever humbly invokes the Blessed Virgin before them may obtain through her merits grace in this present life and eternal glory in the life to come. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Here the Medals are sprinkled with Holy Water.

At the appointed time the Secretary bids the candidates approach, saying aloud:

Let those who are to be promoted to the degree of Sodalists come forward.

The candidates immediately advance and form themselves, if convenient, in one line, standing before the Director and the Prefect. The Secretary, addressing the Director and the Prefect, says:

Reverend Father and worthy Prefect, the candidates here present beg admission into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the time of their probation their conduct has been edifying, and the whole Sodality is willing that they should be received; hence we earnestly request you to accede to their eager desires.

The Director answers:

If so, let their names be read.

The Secretary reads aloud the names. The Director then addresses the future Sodalists:

Pious and beloved friends, as you are now to be promoted to the holy rank of Sodalists, and to enjoy all the spiritual advantages granted by the Holy Apostolic See, it is meet that your dispositions should be manifested to us: hence, answer candidly the questions which our Secretary will propose to you.

The Secretary then speaks in the following words:

The Sodality asks whether you are disposed to cherish with special devotion the Blessed Virgin Mary and our holy patron St.———

The candidates answer in a loud and distinct voice:

Yes, we wish it most earnestly.

Secretary: The Sodality asks, whether you are resolved faithfully to observe all its rules and regulations?

Candidates: Yes, we wish it most earnestly.

Secretary: The Sodality asks, whether you will, according to your power and the spirit of our Society, promote, by word and example, the glory of God and a tender devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary?

Candidates: Yes, we wish it most earnestly.

The Director then says:

Since you are resolved ever to remain faithful, you are now allowed to recite the Act consecrating yourself to God and His Holy Mother. And now we invite all the Sodalists here present to invoke with us the divine assistance of the Holy Spirit on those who are soon to be united to us by a holy and spiritual tie.

All kneel—the hymn to the Holy Ghost is sung or recited. Each candidate is then called, and reads the Act of Consecration.

If there are many to be received, it may be found more convenient that the Director or Prefect recite the Act of Consecration aloud, all the candidates repeating it clause for clause after him.

Act of Consecration.

Holy Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, I choose thee this day for my Mother, Queen, Patroness, and Advocate; and I firmly

resolve never to depart, by word or deed, from the duty which I owe to thee, nor to suffer those committed to my care to say or do anything against thy honor and the respect which thou deservest. Receive me, therefore, as thy devoted servant forever; assist me in all the actions of my life, and forsake me not at the hour of my death. Amen.

The Director then invests the new members with the Medal of the Blessed Virgin, after which he turns toward them and says:

Giving thanks to the Thrice Holy God for what He has done on this day to the glory of His holy name and the honor of His Blessed Mother, and for the increase of this holy Sodality, we, its Director and Prefect, by the authority which has been granted to us, receive you into this our Sodality, duly erected in ———, under the title of the ——— of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the patronage of St. ———, and confirmed by Pope ———: and we admit you to a share of all the good works, spiritual favors, indulgences, and privileges which have been granted to its members by the Holy Apostolic See, in the name of the most august Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The new members then return to their places, and the *Magnificat* or a hymn to the Blessed Virgin is sung, un-

less it be preferred to sing the *Te Deum* or *Holy God* here.

The Director then announces the Plenary Indulgence attached to the entrance or consecration of new members, and the prayers—which may be five *Our Fathers* and five *Hail Marys*—are recited for the intentions of the Pope.

Where it is permitted it is advisable to conclude the ceremony with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, after which, if desirable, either the *Te Deum* or the *Holy God* may be sung, unless it has been sung immediately after the Act of Consecration.

CHAPTER VII.

ORDER OF EXERCISES AT REGULAR MEETINGS.

There is no particular order of exercises prescribed for the regular meetings of the Sodality. The fifth of the Common Rules mentions only two exercises, which it seems to take for granted as established by custom: the Office of the Blessed Virgin and the Instruction or Exhortation by the Director or by one whom he may invite to replace him. The ordering of details, as the Rule suggests, may be left to the Director.

An order of exercises common to many Sodalities is the following:

1. The *Veni Creator*, or *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, or, if it is preferred, a hymn, or the Litany of the Blessed Virgin.
2. A part of the Office of the Blessed Virgin, instead of which a part of the Office of the Dead may be substituted, especially for a member lately deceased.
3. Announcements.
4. Instruction or Exhortation.
5. Hymn or Litany.
6. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, if permitted.

Other prayers and devotions to the Blessed Virgin, as the Beads or a portion of them, may be inserted or substituted at the discretion of the Director. Care must be had, however, that the meetings be not unduly prolonged. The ordinary meeting should not much exceed half an hour.

CHAPTER VIII.

PRAYERS FOR REGULAR OR OCCASIONAL MEETINGS.

Invocation of the Holy Ghost.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus reple tuorum corda fidelium, et tui amoris in eis ignem accende.

V. Emitte spiritum tuum et creabuntur. (Alleluia).

R. Et renovabis faciem terræ. (Alleluia).

Come, O Holy Spirit, enlighten the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. (Alleluia).

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. (Alleluia).

Oremus.

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti: da nobis in eodem spiritu recta sapere et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst teach the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to relish what is right, and ever more to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Litany of Loretto.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Christe audi nos.	Christ, hear us.
Christe exaudi nos.	Christ, graciously hear us.
Pater de cœlis Deus, miserere nobis.	God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus, miserere nobis.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
Spiritus Sancte Deus, miserere nobis.	God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus, miserere nobis.	Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Sancta Maria,	Holy Mary, pray for us,
Sancta Dei genitrix,	Holy Mother of God,
Sancta Virgo virginum.	Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mater Christi,	Mother of Christ,
Mater divinæ gratiæ,	Mother of divine grace,
Mater purissima.	Mother most pure,
Mater castissima,	Mother most chaste,
Mater inviolata,	Mother inviolate,
Mater intemerata.	Mother undefiled,
Mater amabilis,	Mother most amiable,
Mater admirabilis,	Mother most admirable,
Mater Creatoris.	Mother of our Creator,
Mater Salvatoris,	Mother of our Saviour,
Virgo prudentissima,	Virgin most prudent,
Virgo veneranda,	Virgin most venerable,
Virgo prædicanda,	Virgin most renowned,
Virgo potens,	Virgin most powerful,
Virgo clemens,	Virgin most merciful,
Virgo fidelis,	Virgin most faithful,
Speculum justitiæ,	Mirror of Justice,
Sedes sapientiæ,	Seat of wisdom,
Causa nostræ lætitiæ,	Cause of our joy,
Vas spirituale,	Spiritual vessel,

Ora pro nobis. — Pray for us.

Vas honorabile,	Vessel of honor,
Vas insigne devotionis,	Singular vessel of devotion,
Rosa mystica,	Mystical rose,
Turris Davidica,	Tower of David,
Turris eburnea,	Tower of ivory,
Domus aurea,	House of gold,
Fœderis arca,	Ark of the covenant,
Janua cœli,	Gate of heaven,
Stella matutina,	Morning star,
Salus infirmorum,	Health of the sick,
Refugium peccatorum,	Refuge of sinners,
Consolatrix afflictorum,	Comfortress of the afflicted,
Auxilium Christianorum	Help of Christians,
Regina angelorum,	Queen of angels,
Regina patriarcharum,	Queen of patriarchs,
Regina prophetarum,	Queen of prophets,
Regina apostolorum,	Queen of apostles,
Regina martyrum,	Queen of martyrs,
Regina confessorum,	Queen of confessors,
Regina virginum,	Queen of virgins,
Regina sanctorum omnium,	Queen of all saints,
Regina sine labe originali concepta,	Queen conceived without original sin,
Regina sacratissimi Rosarii,	Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, parce nobis, Domine.	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, exaudi nos Domine.	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Ora pro nobis. — Pray for us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

Gratiam, tuam, quæsumus Domine, mentibus nostris infunde; ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationen cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem, ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Salve Regina.

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy; our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Almighty and Eternal God, who, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mary to become the worthy habitation of Thy Son: grant that, as we rejoice in her commemoration, so by her gracious intercession, we may be delivered both from present evils and everlasting death. Through the same Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

The Memorare.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petition, but in thy mercy hear and grant my prayer. Amen.

Prayer of St. Aloysius.

O Holy Mary, my mother and Advocate, to thy care and particular protection, and into the bosom of thy mercy, to-day and every day, and at the hour of my death, I commend my soul and body; all my hope and consolation, my difficulties and afflictions, my life, and the end of my life, I commend to thee; that, through thy most powerful intercession, and through thy merits, all my works and actions may be directed according to thy will, and that of thy divine Son. Amen.

Prayer for the Sodality.

O JESUS, Son of the Blessed Virgin, we are the adopted children of Thy Mother, Thy own brothers by adoption. Love us, then, O Jesus, with a special love; protect us, guide us, strengthen us by Thy grace; take good care of us, make us be worthy members of the Sodality, and grant us to die a holy death, that, after this life, we may be united forever with Thee, with Thy Eternal Father and the Holy Ghost, with our common Mother, the Blessed Virgin, with Thy angels and saints, and with our departed brethren of the Sodality, who now reign with Thee in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Prayer for a Sick Member.

OMNIPOTENS, sempiterne Deus, salus æterna credentium, exaudi nos pro famulo tuo infirmo, pro quo misericordiæ tuæ imploramus auxilium, ut, reddita sibi sanitate, gratiarum tibi in ecclesia tua referat actiones. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, the eternal salvation of them that believe; hear us in behalf of Thy servant who is sick, for whom we implore the aid of Thy mercy that, being restored to health, he (she) may render thanks to Thee in Thy Church. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

O Salutaris.

O salutaris Hostia,
Quæ cœli pandis ostium :
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below ;
Our foes press on from every side ;
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

Uni trinoque Domino,
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.

To Thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three,
O grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with Thee. Amen.

Tantum Ergo.

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui ;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui ;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail ;
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rights of grace prevail ;
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.

Genitori, Genitoque,
Laus et jubilatio ;
Salus, honor virtus quoque,
Sit et benedictio ;
Procedenti ab utroque,
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who reigns on high,
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from each eternally
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty! Amen.

V. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis. (Alleluia.)

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem. (Alleluia.)

V. Thou hast given them bread from heaven. (Alleluia.)

R. Containing in itself all sweetness. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti ; tribue, quæsumus, ita nos

Let us pray.

O GOD, who under a wonderful sacrament, hast left us a memorial of Thy passion, grant us, we be-

corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus; qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

seech Thee so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy body and blood, that we may ever feel within us the fruit of Thy redemption; who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

The Divine Praises.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

PART II

OFFICES

USUALLY RECITED IN

THE SODALITY

Prayer Before the Recitation of the Office.

APERI, Domine, os meum ad benedicendum nomen sanctum tuum ; munda quoque cor meum ab omnibus vanis, perversis et alienis cogitationibus; intellectum illumina, affectum inflamma, ut digne, attente ac devote hoc officium recitare valeam, et exaudiri merear ante conspectum divinæ Majestatis tuæ. Per Christum, Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Domine, in unione illius divinæ intentionis, qua ipse in terris laudes Deo persolvisti, has tibi horas persolvo.

Prayer After the Recitation of the Office.

Sacrosanctæ et individuæ Trinitati, crucifixi Domini nostri Jesu Christi humanitati, beatissimæ et gloriosissimæ semperque Virginis Mariæ fœcundæ integritati, et omnium Sanctorum universitati sit sempiterna laus, honor, virtus et gloria ab omni creatura, nobisque remissio omnium peccatorum, per infinita sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

V. Beata viscera Mariæ Virginis, quæ portaverunt æterni Patris Filium.

R. Et beata ubera, quæ lactaverunt Christum Dominum.

Pater noster. *Ave Maria.*

Prayer Before the Recitation of the Office.

OPEN, O Lord, our mouths to bless Thy holy name; cleanse our hearts from all vain, bad, and distracting thoughts; enlighten our understanding, inflame our will, that we may worthily, attentively, and devoutly recite this Office, and deserve to be heard in the presence of Thy divine Majesty: through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

O Lord, we offer these hours to Thee in union with that divine intention with which Thou Thyself, whilst on earth, didst render praises to God.

Prayer After the Recitation of the Office.

To the most holy and undivided Trinity, to the humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified, to the fruitful purity of the most blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, and to all the Saints, be everlasting praise, honor, power and glory from every creature; and to us the remission of all our sins, forever and ever.

R. Amen.

V. Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary that bore the Son of the eternal Father.

R. And blessed are the breasts that suckled Christ the Lord.

Our Father. *Hail Mary.*

THE LITTLE OFFICE

OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

MATINS.

Ave, Maria, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum: benedicta tu in mulièribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis, peccatóribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

Ave Maria is said inaudibly.

Pref. Domine, labia mea aperies.
All Et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.
Pref. Deus, in adjutorium meum intende.
All. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spíritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia. (*From Septuagesima to Easter:* Laus tibi. Domine, Rex æternæ gloriæ.)

Invitatory.

Pref. Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.
All. Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.

THE LITTLE OFFICE

OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

MATINS.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God; pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Hail Mary is said inaudibly.

Pref. THOU wilt open my lips, O Lord.

All. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Pref. O God, come to my assistance.

All. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia. (*From Septuagesima to Easter:* Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.)

Invitatory.

Pref. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

All. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Psalm xciv.

Pref. Venite, exultemus Domino, jubilemus Deo salutari nostro: præoccupemus faciem ejus in confessione, et in psalmis jubilemus ei.

All. Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.

Pref. Quoniam Deus magnus Dominus, et Rex magnus super omnes deos: quoniam non repellet Dominus plebem suam, quia in manu ejus sunt omnes fines terræ, et altitudines montium ipse cónspicit.

All. Dominus tecum.

Pref. Quoniam ipsius est mare, et ipse fecit illud, et aridam fundaverunt manus ejus: vénite adoremus, et procidamus ante Deum, ploremus coram Domino, qui fecit nos, quia ipse est Dominus Deus noster: nos autem populus ejus, et oves pascuæ ejus.

All. Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.

Pref. Hodie si vocem ejus audieritis, nólite obdurare corda vestra, sicut in exacerbatione secundum diem tentationis in deserto: ubi tentaverunt me patres vestri, probaverunt, et viderunt opera mea.

All. Dominus tecum.

Pref. Quadraginta annis proximus fui generationi huic, et dixi: semper hi errant corde:

Psalm xciv.

Pref. Come, let us praise the Lord with joy; let us joyfully sing to God, our Saviour. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and make a joyful noise to him with psalms.

All. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Pref. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. For the Lord will not reject his people. For in his hand are all the ends of the earth: and the heights of the mountains he beholdeth.

All. The Lord is with thee.

Pref. For the sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us adore and fall down, and weep before the Lord that made us. For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people and the sheep of his pasture.

All. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Pref. To-day, if ye hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, according to the day of temptation in the wilderness, where your fathers tempted me; they proved me, and saw my works.

All. The Lord is with thee.

Pref. Forty years long was I offended with that generation, and I said: these always err in

ipsi vero non cognoverunt vias meas, quibus juravi in ira mea, si introibunt in requiem meam.

All. Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.

Pref. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spíritui Sancto.

All. Dominus tecum.

Pref. Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.

Hymn.

Quem terra, pontus, sidera
Colunt, adorant, prædicant,
Trinam regentem machinam
Claustrum Mariæ bajulat.

Cui luna, sol, et omnia
Deserviunt per tempora,
Perfusa cœli gratia,
Gestant puellæ viscera.

Beata mater munere,
Cujus, supernus Artifex
Mundum pugillo continens,
Ventris sub arca clausus est.

Beata cœli nuntio,
Fœcunda sancto Spiritu,
Desideratus gentibus,
Cujus per alvum fusus est.

heart. And these men have not known my ways: so I swore in my wrath, that they shall not enter into my rest.

All. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Pref. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

All. The Lord is with thee.

Pref. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Hymn.

The Lord whom earth and sea and sky,
With one adoring voice proclaim;
Who rules them all in majesty,
Inclosed Himself in Mary's frame.

Lo! in an humble Virgin's womb,
O'ershadowed by Almighty power,
He whom the stars and sun and moon,
Each serve in their appointed hour.

O Mother blest, to whom was given
Within thy body to contain
The Architect of earth and heaven,
Whose hands the universe sustain.

To thee was sent an angel down,
In thee the Spirit was enshrined;
Of thee was born that mighty One,
The long Desired of all mankind.

Jesu, tibi sit gloria,
Qui natus es de Virgine,
Cum Patre, et almo Spiritu,
In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.

Ant. Benedicta tu.

Psalm viii.

Domine Dominus noster: quam admirabile est nomen tuum in universa terra.

Quoniam elevata est magnificentia tua: super cœlos.

Ex ore infantium et lactentium perfecisti laudem propter inimicos tuos: ut destruas inimicum et ultorem.

Quoniam videbo cœlos tuos, opera digitorum tuorum: lunam et stellas, quæ tu fundasti.

Quid est homo, quod memor es ejus? aut filius hominis, quoniam visitas eum?

Minuisti eum paulo minus ab angelis, gloria et honore coronasti eum: et constituisti eum super opera manuum tuarum.

Omnia subjecisti sub pedibus ejus, oves et boves universos: insuper et pecora campi.

Volucres cœli, et pisces maris, qui perambulant semitas maris.

O Jesus, born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to Thee;
Praise to the Father Infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.

Ant. Blessed art thou.

Psalm viii.

O Lord, our Lord, how adorable is thy name in the whole earth.

For thy magnificence is elevated above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of infants and of sucklings thou hast drawn praise, because of thy enemies, that thou mayest confound the enemy and the avenger.

For I will behold the heavens, the works of thy fingers: the moon and the stars which thou hast set.

What is man that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?

Thou hast made him a little less than the angels: thou hast crowned him with glory and honor: and hast set him over the works of thy hands.

Thou hast put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen: moreover the beasts also of the field:

The birds of the air and the fishes of the sea, that pass through the paths of the sea.

Domine Dominus noster: quam admirabile est nomen tuum in universa terra.

Gloria, Patri, etc.

Ant. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui.

Ant. Sicut myrrha.

Psalm xviii.

Cœli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum ejus annuntiat firmamentum.

Dies diei eructat verbum: et nox nocti indicat scientiam.

Non sunt loquelæ, neque sermones: quorum non audiantur voces eorum.

In omnem terram exivit sonus eorum: et in fines orbis terræ verba eorum.

In sole posuit tabernaculum suum: et ipse tamquam sponsus procedens de thalamo suo:

Exultavit ut gigas ad currendam viam: a summo cœlo egressio ejus:

Et occursus ejus usque ad summum ejus: nec est qui se abscondat a calore ejus.

Lex Domini immaculata convertens animas: testimonium Domini fidele, sapientiam præstans parvulis.

O Lord, our Lord, how admirable is thy name in all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Ant. Like choicest myrrh.

Psalm xviii.

The heavens show forth the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the works of his hands.

Day to day uttereth speech, and night to night showeth knowledge.

They are not speeches nor languages, of which the voices are not heard.

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth; and their words unto the ends of the world.

He hath set his tabernacle in the sun: and as a bridegroom coming out of his bride-chamber:

He hath rejoiced as a giant to run his course: his going out is from the end of heaven.

And his circuit even unto the end thereof: and there is no one that can hide himself from his heat.

The law of the Lord is unspotted, converting souls; the testimony of the Lord is faithful, giving wisdom to little ones.

Justitiæ Domini rectæ, lætificantes corda: præceptum Domini lúcidum, illuminans oculos.

Timor Domini sanctus, permanens in sæculum sæculi: judicia Domini vera, justificata in semetipsa.

Desiderabilia super aurum et lapidem pretiosum multum: et dulciora super mel et favum.

Etenim servus tuus custodit ea: in custodiendis illis retributio multa.

Delicta quis intelligit? ab occultis meis munda me: et ab alienis parce servo tuo.

Si mei non fuerint dominati, tunc immaculatus ero: et emundabor a delicto maximo.

Et erunt ut complaceant eloquia oris mei: et meditatio cordis mei in conspectu tuo semper.

Domine adjutor meus: et redemptor meus.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Sicut myrrha electa odorem dedisti suavitatis, sancta Dei genitrix.

Ant. Ante torum.

Psalm xxiii.

Domini est terra, et plenitudo ejus: orbis terrarum, et universi, qui habitant in eo.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to hearts; the commandment of the Lord is lightsome, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, enduring forever and ever; the judgments of the Lord are true, justified in themselves.

More to be desired than gold and many precious stones, and sweeter than honey and the honeycomb.

For thy servant keepeth them: in keeping them there is a great reward.

Who can understand sins? From my secret ones cleanse me, O Lord; and from those of others spare thy servant.

If they shall have no dominion over me, then shall I be without spot; and I shall be cleansed from the greatest sin.

And the words of my mouth shall be such as may please: and the meditation of my heart always in thy sight.

O Lord, my helper and my redeemer.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Like choicest myrrh thou hast yielded an odor of sweetness, O holy Mother of God.

Ant. Before thy couch.

Psalm xxiii.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: the world and all that dwell therein.

Quia ipse super maria fundavit eum; et super flumina præparavit eum.

Quis ascendet in montem Domini? aut quis stabit in loco sancto ejus?

Innocens manibus, et mundo corde qui non accepit in vano animam suam: nec juravit in dolo proximo suo.

Hic accipiet benedictionem a Domino: et misericordiam a Deo salutari suo.

Hæc est generatio quærentium eum: quærentium faciem Dei Jacob.

Attollite portas, principes, vestras, et elevamini, portæ æternales: et introibit Rex gloriæ.

Quis est iste Rex gloriæ? Dominus fortis et potens: Dominus potens in prœlio.

Attollite portas, principes, vestras, et elevamini, portæ æternales: et introibit Rex gloriæ.

Quis est iste Rex gloriæ? Dominus virtutum ipse est Rex gloriæ.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Ante torum hujus Virginis frequentate nobis dulcia dantica dramatis.

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

Pater noster (*the rest inaudibly*).

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and hath prepared it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord? Or who shall stand in the holy place?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not taken his soul in vain, nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbor.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and mercy from God his Saviour.

This is the generation of them that seek him, of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of glory shall enter in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty: the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of glory shall enter in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Before the couch of this Virgin, sing often unto us sweet chants with solemnity.

V. Grace is poured forth on thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee forever.

Our Father (*the rest inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

Absolution.

Precibus et meritis beatæ Mariæ semper virginis, et omnium sanctorum, perducat nos Dominus ad regna cœlorum.

R. Amen.

V. Jube, Domine, benedicere.

Blessing.

Nos cum prole pia benedicat Virgo Maria.

R. Amen.

First Lesson.

In omnibus requiem quæsivi, et in hæreditate Domini morabor. Tunc præcepit, et dixit mihi Creator omnium: et qui creavit me, requievit in tabernaculo meo, et dixit mihi: in Jacob inhabita, et in Israel hæreditare, et in electis meis mitte radices. Tu autem, Domine, miserere nobis.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Sancta et immaculata virginitas, quibus te laudibus efferam, nescio: quia quem cœli capere non poterant, tuo gremio contulisti.

V. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui. Quia quem cœli capere non poterant, tuo gremio contulisti.

V. Jube, Domine, benedicere.

Absolution.

By the prayers and merits of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, and of all the Saints, may the Lord bring us to the kingdom of heaven.

R. Amen.

V. Pray, Father, a blessing.

Blessing.

May the Virgin Mary, with her loving Child, bless us.

R. Amen.

First Lesson.

In all these I sought rest, and I shall abide in the inheritance of the Lord. Then the Creator of all things commanded, and said to me: and he that made me, rested in my tabernacle, and he said to me: let thy dwelling be in Jacob, and thy inheritance in Israel, and take root in my elect. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

R. O holy and Immaculate Virgin, with what praise I shall extol thee, I know not: for He whom the heavens could not contain, rested on thy bosom.

V. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. For He whom the heavens could not contain rested on thy bosom.

V. Pray, Father, a blessing.

Blessing.

Ipsa Virgo virginum intercedat pro nobis ad Dominum.

R. Amen.

Second Lesson.

Et sic in Sion firmata sum, et in civitate sanctificata similiter requievi, et in Jerusalem potestas mea. Et radicavi in populo honorificato, et in parte Dei mei hæreditas illius, et in plenitudine sanctorum detentio mea. Tu autem, Domine, miserere nobis.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Beata es virgo, Maria, quæ Dominum portasti Creatorem mundi: genuisti, qui te fecit, et in æternum permanes virgo.

V. Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Genuisti, qui te fecit, et in æternum permanes virgo.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Genuisti qui te fecit, et in æternum permanes Virgo.

When the *Te Deum* is not said, this last part, beginning with *Gloria Patri*, is omitted.

V. Jube, Domne, benedicere.

Blessing.

May the Virgin of virgins herself intercede for us with the Lord.

R. Amen.

Secona Lesson.

And so was I established in Sion, and in the holy city likewise I rested: and my power was in Jerusalem. And I took root in the honored people, and in the portion of my God which is his inheritance: and my abode is in the full assembly of saints. But thou, Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

R. Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, who didst bear the Lord, the Creator of the world; thou wast the Mother of Him who made thee, and remainest a Virgin forever.

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Thou wast the Mother of Him who made thee, and remainest a Virgin forever.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Thou wast the Mother of Him who made thee, and remainest a Virgin forever.

When the *Te Deum* is not said, this last part, beginning with *Glory be to the Father*, is omitted.

V. Pray, Father, a blessing.

Blessing.

Per Virginem Matrem concedat nobis Dominus salutem et pacem.

R. Amen.

Third Lesson.

Quasi cedrus exaltata sum in Libano, et quasi cypressus in monte Sion ; quasi palma exaltata sum in Cades, et quasi plantatio rosæ in Jericho. Quasi oliva speciosa in campis, et quasi platanus exaltata sum juxta aquam in plateis. Sicut cinnamomum, et balsamum arómatizans odorem dedi : quasi myrrha electa dedi suavitatem odoris. Tu autem, Domine, miserere nobis.

R. Deo gratias.

The following Responsory is said when the *Te Deum* is omitted.

R. Felix namque es sacra Virgo Maria, et omni laude dignissima : quia ex te ortus est sol justitiæ, Christus Deus noster.

V. Ora pro populo, interveni pro clero, intercede pro devoto femineo sexu : sentiant omnes tuum juvamen, quicumque célebrant tuam sanctam commemorationem. Quia ex te ortus est sol justitiæ, Christus Deus noster.

Blessing.

Through the Virgin Mother may the Lord grant unto us salvation and peace.

R. Amen.

Third Lesson.

I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress tree on Mount Sion. I was exalted like a palm tree in Cades, and as a rose plant in Jericho; as a fair olive tree in the plains, and as a plane tree by the water in the meadows, was I exalted. I gave a sweet smell like cinnamon, and aromatical balm: I yielded a sweet odor like the best myrrh. But thou, Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

The following Responsory is said, when the *Te Deum* is omitted.

R. Surely thou art happy, O holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise: for out of thee arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

V. Pray for the people, mediate for the clergy, intercede for the devout female sex. Let all experience thy assistance, whoever celebrate thy holy commemoration. For out of thee arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Quia ex te ortus est sol justitiæ, Christus Deus noster.

Te Deum.

The *Te Deum* is omitted in Advent and from Septuagesima to Easter, except on feasts of our Blessed Lady.

Te Deum laudamus: te Dominum confitemur.

Te æternum Patrem omnis terra veneratur.

Tibi omnes Angeli: tibi cœli, et universæ potestates.

Tibi Cherubim et Seraphim, incessabili voce proclamant:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus: Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cœli et terra majestatis gloriæ tuæ.

Te gloriosus Apostolorum chorus:

Te Prophetarum laudabilis numerus:

Te Martyrum candidatus laudat exercitus.

Te per orbem terrarum sancta confitetur Ecclesia.

Patrem immensæ majestatis.

Venerandum tuum verum, et unicum Filium

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. For out of thee arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

Te Deum.

The *Te Deum* is omitted in Advent and from Septuagesima to Easter, except on feasts of our Blessed Lady.

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all the Angels cry aloud: the heavens, and all the heavenly powers:

To Thee the Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious choir of the Apostles praise Thee.

The admirable company of the Prophets praise Thee.

The white-robed army of Martyrs praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout the world doth acknowledge Thee.

The Father of infinite majesty:

Thy adorable, true, and only Son:

Sanctum quoque Paraclitum Spiritum.

Tu Rex gloriæ, Christe.

Tu Patris sempiternus es Filius.

Tu ad liberandum suscepturus hominem, non horruisti Virginis uterum.

Tu, devicto mortis aculeo, aperuisti credentibus regna cœlorum.

Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes, in gloria Patris.

Judex crederis esse venturus.

Te ergo quæsumus, famulis tuis subveni, quos pretioso sanguine redemisti.

Æterna fac cum Sanctis tuis in gloria numerari.

Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine, et benedic hereditati tuæ.

Et rege eos, et extolle illos usque in æternum.

Per singulos dies, benedicimus te.

Et laudamus nomen tuum in sæculum, et in sæculum sæculi.

Dignare, Domine, die isto sine peccato nos custodire.

Miserere nostri, Domine, miserere nostri.

Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, super nos: quemadmodum speravimus in te.

In te, Domine, speravi: non confundar in æternum.

Also, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou, O Christ, art the King of glory.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, thou didst not disdain the Virgin's womb.

Having overcome the sting of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou wilt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee to help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.

Save Thy people, O Lord: and bless Thy inheritance.

Govern them and raise them up forever.

Day by day we bless Thee.

And we praise Thy name forever and ever.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, to keep us without sin.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in Thee.

In Thee, O Lord, I have hoped; let me never be confounded.

LAUDS.

Ave Maria (*inaudibly*).

V. Deus in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia. (*From Septuagesima to Easter.* Laus tibi Domine, Rex æternæ gloriæ.)

Ant. Assumpta est.

Psalm xcii.

Dominus regnavit, decorem indutus est: indutus est Dominus fortitudinem, et præcinxit se.

Etenim firmavit orbem terræ: qui non commovebitur.

Parata sedes tua ex tunc: a sæculo tu es.

Elevaverunt flumina Domine: elevaverunt flumina vocem suam.

Elevaverunt flumina fluctus suos; a vocibus aquarum multarum.

Mirabiles elationes maris: mirabilis in altis Dominus.

Testimonia tua credibilia facta sunt nimis.

LAUDS.

Hail Mary (*inaudibly*).

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia. (*From Septuagesima to Easter:* Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.)

Ant. Mary was taken up into heaven.

Psalm xcii.

The Lord reigneth; he is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded himself.

For he hath established the world, which shall not be moved.

Thy throne is prepared of old: thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord: the floods have lifted up their voice.

The floods have lifted up their waves, with the noise of many waters.

Wonderful are the surges of the sea: wonderful is the Lord on high.

Thy testimonies are become exceedingly

domum tuam decet sanctitudo, Domine, in longitudinem dierum.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Assumpta est Maria in cœlum, gaudent Angeli, laudantes benedicunt Dominum.

Ant. Maria Virgo.

Psalm xcix.

Jubilate Deo omnis terra: servite Domino in lætitia.

Introite in conspectu ejus: in exultatione.

Scitote quoniam Dominus ipse est Deus: ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos:

Populus ejus, et oves pascuæ ejus: introite portas ejus in confessione, atria ejus in hymnis: confitemini illi.

Laudate nomen ejus: quoniam suavis est Dominus, in æternum misericordia ejus: et usque in generationem et generationem veritas ejus.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Maria Virgo assumpta est ad æthereum thalamum, in quo Rex regum stellato sedet solio.

Ant. In odorem.

Psalm lxii.

Deus Deus meus: ad te de luce vigilo.

credible: holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Mary was taken up into heaven, the angels rejoice, and with praises bless the Lord.

Ant. The Virgin Mary.

Psalm xcix.

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth: serve ye the Lord with gladness.

Come into his presence with exceeding great joy.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: he made us, and not we ourselves.

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Go ye into his gates with praise, into his courts with hymns, and give glory to him.

Praise ye his name: for the Lord is sweet, his mercy endureth forever, and his truth to generation and generation.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. The Virgin Mary was taken up to the heavenly chamber, where the King of kings sitteth on his starry throne.

Ant. We run to the odor.

Psalm lxii.

O God, my God, to thee do I watch at break of day.

Sitivit in te anima mea: quam multipliciter tibi caro mea.

In terra, deserta, et invia, et inaquosa, sic in sancto apparui tibi: ut viderem virtutem tuam, et gloriam tuam.

Quoniam melior est misericordia tua super vitas: labia mea laudabunt te.

Sic benedicam te in vita mea; et in nomine tuo levabo manus meas.

Sicut adipe et pinguedine repleatur anima mea: et labiis exultationis laudabit os meum.

Si memor fui tui super stratum meum, in matutinis meditabor in te: quia fuisti adjutor meus.

Et in velamento alarum tuarum exultabo, adhæsit anima mea post te: me suscepit dextera tua.

Ipsi vero in vanum quæsierunt animam meam, introibunt in inferiora terræ: tradentur in manus gladii, partes vulpium erunt.

Rex vero lætabitur in Deo, laudabuntur omnes qui jurant in eo: quia obstructum est os loquentium iniqua.

Psalm lxvi.

Deus misereatur nostri, et benedicat nobis: illuminet vultum sum super nos, et misereatur nostri.

For thee my soul hath thirsted; for thee my flesh, O how much.

In a desert land, and where there is no way and no water: so in the sanctuary have I come before thee, to see thy power and thy glory.

For thy mercy is better than life: thee my lips shall praise.

Thus will I bless thee my life long: and in thy name I will lift up my hands.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness: and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

If I have remembered thee upon my bed, I will meditate on thee in the morning; because thou hast been my helper.

And I will rejoice under the covert of thy wings: my soul hath stuck to thee: thy right hand hath upheld me.

But they have sought my life in vain, they shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall be put to the sword, they shall be the portions of foxes.

But the King shall rejoice in God, all they that swear by him shall be praised: because the mouths of them that speak wicked things are stopped.

Psalm lxvi.

May God have mercy on us, and bless us: may he cause the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and may he have mercy on us.

Ut cognoscamus in terra viam tuam: in omnibus gentibus salutare tuum.

Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus: confiteantur tibi populi omnes.

Lætentur et exultent gentes: quoniam judicas populos in æquitate, et gentes in terra dirigis.

Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus: confiteantur tibi populi omnes: terra dedit fructum suum.

Benedicat nos Deus, Deus noster, benedicat nos Deus: et metuant eum omnes fines teræ.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. In odorem unguentorum tuorum currimus, adolescentulæ dilexerunt te nimis.

Ant. Benedicta filia.

The Song of the three Children.

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini, Domino: laudate et superexaltate eum in sæcula.

Benedicite, Angeli Domini, Domino: benedicite cœli Domino.

Benedicite, aquæ omnes, quæ super cœlos sunt, Domino: benedicite omnes virtutes Domini, Domino.

Benedicite, solet luna, Domino: benedicite, stellæ cœli, Domino.

Benedicite, omnis imber et ros, Domino: benedicite, omnes spiritus Dei, Domino.

That we may know thy way upon earth: thy salvation in all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people give praise to thee.

Let the nations be glad and rejoice: for thou judgest the people with justice, and directest the nations upon earth.

Let the people, O God, praise thee: let all the people give praise to thee: the earth hath yielded her fruit.

May God, our God, bless us, may God bless us: and may all the ends of the earth fear him.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. We run to the odor of thy ointments: the young maidens have loved thee exceedingly.

Ant. Thou, O daughter.

The Song of the three Children.

All ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord: praise and exalt him above all forever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless the Lord: O ye heavens, bless the Lord.

O all ye waters that are above the heavens, bless the Lord: O all ye powers of the Lord, bless the Lord.

O ye sun and moon, bless the Lord: O ye stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord: O all ye spirits of God, bless the Lord.

Benedicite, ignis, et æstus, Domino: benedicite, frigus et æstus, Domino.

Benedicite, rores et pruina, Domino: benedicite, gelu et frigus, Domino.

Benedicite, glacies et nives, Domino: benedicite, noctes et dies, Domino.

Benedicite, lux et tenebræ, Domino: benedicite, fulgura et nubes, Domino.

Benedicat terra Dominum: laudet, et superexaltet eum in sæcula.

Benedicite, montes et colles, Domino: benedicite, universa germinantia in terra, Domino.

Benedicite, fontes, Domino: benedicite, maria et flumina, Domino.

Benedicite, cete et omnia, quæ moventur in aquis, Domino: benedicite, omnes volucres cœli, Domino.

Benedicite, omnes bestiæ et pecora, Domino: benedicite, filii hominum, Domino.

Benedicat Israel Dominum: laudet, et superexaltet eum in sæcula.

Benedicite, sacerdotes Domini, Domino: benedicite, servi Domini, Domino.

Benedicite, spiritus et animæ justorum, Domino: benedicite, sancti et humiles corde, Domino.

Benedicite Anania, Azaria, Misael, Domino: laudate et superexaltate eum in sæcula.

O ye fire and heat, bless the Lord: O ye cold and heat, bless the Lord.

O ye dews and hoar frost, bless the Lord: O ye frost and cold, bless the Lord.

O ye ice and snow, bless the Lord: O ye nights and days, bless the Lord.

O ye light and darkness, bless the Lord: O ye lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

O let the earth bless the Lord: let it praise and exalt him above all forever.

O ye mountains and hills, bless the Lord: O all ye things that spring up in the earth, bless the Lord.

O ye fountains bless the Lord: O ye seas and rivers, bless the Lord.

O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless the Lord: O all ye fowls of the air, bless the Lord.

O all ye beasts and cattle, bless the Lord: O all ye sons of men, bless the Lord.

Let Israel bless the Lord: let them praise and exalt him above all, forever.

O ye priests of the Lord, bless the Lord: O ye servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.

O ye spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord: O ye holy and humble of heart, bless the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all forever.

Benedicamus Patrem, et Filium cum Sancto Spiritu: laudemus et superexaltemus eum in sæcula.

Benedictus es, Domine, in firmamento cœli: et laudabilis, et gloriosus, et superexaltatus in sæcula.

At. Benedicta filia tu a Domino: quia per te fructum vitæ communicavimus.

Ant. Pulchra es.

Psalm cxlviii.

Laudate Dominum de cœlis: laudate eum in excelsis.

Laudate eum, omnes Angeli ejus: laudate eum, omnes virtutes ejus.

Laudate eum, sol et luna: laudate eum, omnes stellæ, et lumen.

Laudate eum, cœli cœlorum: et aquæ omnes, quæ super cœlos sunt, laudent nomen Domini.

Quia ipse dixit, et facta sunt: ipse mandavit, et creata sunt.

Statuit ea in æternum, et in sæculum sæculi: præceptum posuit, et non præteribit.

Laudate Dominum de terra: dracones, et omnes abyssi.

Ignis, grando, nix, glacies, spiritus procellarum: quæ faciunt verbum ejus:

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost: praise and exalt him above all forever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and praised, and glorified, and exalted above all forever.

Ant. Thou, O daughter, art blessed of the Lord, for through thee have we been made partakers of the fruit of life.

Ant. Thou art fair.

Psalm cxlviii.

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise ye him in the high places.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, ye sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens: and let all the waters that are above the heavens, praise the name of the Lord.

For he spake, and they were made: he commanded, and they were created.

He hath established them forever, and for ages of ages: he hath made a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all ye deeps.

Fire, hail, snow, ice, stormy winds, which fulfil his word:

Montes et omnes colles: ligna fructifera, et omnes cedri:

Bestiæ, et universa pecora: serpentes, et volucres pennatæ:

Reges terræ et omnes populi: principes et omnes judices terræ:

Juvenes et virgines, senes cum junioribus, laudent nomen Domini: quia exaltatum est nomen ejus solius.

Confessio ejus super cœlum et terram: et exaltavit cornu populi sui.

Hymnus omnibus sanctis ejus: filiis Israel, populo appropinquanti sibi.

Psalm cxlix.

Cantate Domino canticum novum: laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.

Lætetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.

Laudent nomen ejus in choro: in tympano et psalterio psallant ei.

Quia beneplacitum est Domino in populo suo: et exaltabit mansuetos in salutem.

Exultabunt sancti in gloria; lætabuntur in cubilibus suis.

Exaltationes Dei in gutture eorum: et gladii ancipites in manibus eorum:

Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Beasts and all cattle: reptiles and feathered fowls.

Kings of the earth, and all peoples: princes and all judges of the earth:

Young men, and maidens: let the old with the young praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is exalted.

The praise of him is above heaven and earth: and he hath exalted the horn of his people.

A hymn for all his saints: for the children of Israel, a people approaching to him.

Psalm cxlix.

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: let his praise be in the church of the saints.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his name in choir: let them sing to him with the timbrel and the psaltery.

For the Lord is well pleased with his people: and he will exalt the weak unto salvation.

The saints shall rejoice in glory: they shall be joyful in their beds.

The high praises of God shall be in their mouth: and two-edged swords in their hands:

Ad faciendam vindictam in nationibus: increpationes in populis.

Ad alligandos reges eorum in compedibus: et nobiles eorum in manicis ferreis.

Ut faciant in eis judicium conscriptum: gloria hæc est omnibus sanctis ejus.

Psalm cl.

Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus: laudate eum in firmamento virtutis ejus.

Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus: laudate eum secundum multitudinem magnitudinis ejus.

Laudate eum in sono tubæ; laudate eum in psalterio, et cithara.

Laudate eum in tympano et choro: laudate eum in chordis, et organo.

Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus; laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis: omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Pulchra es et decora, filia Jerusalem: terribilis ut castrorum acies ordinata.

The Little Chapter.

Viderunt eam filiæ Sion, et beatissimam prædicaverunt: et reginæ laudaverunt eam.

R. Deo gratias.

To execute vengeance upon the nations, chastisements among the people.

To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron.

To execute upon them the judgment that is written: this glory have all his saints.

Psalm cl.

Praise ye the Lord in his holy places: praise ye him in the firmament of his power.

Praise ye him for his mighty acts: praise ye him according to the multitude of his greatness.

Praise him with sound of trumpet: praise him with psaltery and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and choir: praise him with strings and organs.

Praise him on high-sounding cymbals: praise him on cymbals of joy: Let every spirit praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Thou art fair and comely, O daughter of Jerusalem; terrible as an army set in array.

The Little Chapter.

The daughters saw her, and declared her most blessed: and the queens, and they praised her.

R. Thanks be to God.

Hymn.

O gloriosa virginum,
Sublimis inter sidera.
Qui te creavit, parvulum
Lactente nutris ubere.

Quod Heva tristis abstulit
Tu reddis almo germine;
Intrent ut astra flebiles,
Cœli recludis cardines.

Tu regis alti janua,
Et aula lucis fulgida:
Vitam datam per Virginem,
Gentes redemptæ, plaudite.

Jesu, tibi sit gloria,
Qui natus es de Virgine;
Cum Patre et almo Spiritu
In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.

Ant. Beata Dei genitrix.

The Canticle of Zachary.

Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel: quia visitavit, et fecit redemptionem plebis suæ:

Et erexit cornu salutis nobis: in domo David pueri sui.

Sicut locutus est per os sanctorum: qui a sæculo sunt, prophetarum ejus.

Hymn.

O Queen of all the virgin choir,
Enthroned above the starry sky:
Who with pure milk from thy own breast
Thy own Creator didst supply.

What man hath lost in hapless Eve,
Thy sacred womb to man restores:
Thou to the wretched here beneath
Hast open'd heaven's eternal doors.

Hail, O refulgent hall of light:
Hail, gate sublime of heaven's high King!
Through thee redeem'd to endless life.
Thy praise let all the nations sing.

O Jesus born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to Thee:
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.

Ant. O blessed Mother of God.

The Canticle of Zachary.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: because he hath visited and wrought the redemption of his people:

And he hath raised up for us a horn of salvation in the house of David his servant.

As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, who are from of old:

Salutem ex inimicis nostris: et de manu omnium, qui oderunt nos:

Ad faciendam misericordiam cum patribus nostris: et memorari testamenti sui sancti.

Jusjurandum, quod juravit ad Abraham patrem nostrum, daturum se nobis:

Ut sine timore, de manu inimicorum nostrorum liberati, serviamus illi.

In sanctitate, et justitia coram ipso, omnibus diebus nostris.

Et tu puer, propheta Altissimi vocaberis: præibis enim ante faciem Domini parare vias ejus:

Ad dandam scientiam salutis plebi ejus: in remissionem peccatorum eorum:

Per viscera misericordiæ Dei nostri, in quibus visitavit nos, oriens ex alto.

Illuminare his, qui in tenebris, et in umbra mortis sedent: ad dirigendos pedes nostros in viam pacis.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Beata Dei genitrix Maria, Virgo perpetua, templum Domini, sacrarium Spiritus Sancti, sola sine exemplo placuisti Domino nostro Jesu Christo: ora pro populo, interveni pro clero, intercede pro devoto femineo sexu.

V. Kyrie eleison.

Deliverance from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us.

To perform mercy to our fathers: and to remember his holy covenant.

The oath which he swore to Abraham, our father, that he would grant to us.

That being delivered from the hand of our enemies, we may serve him without fear.

In holiness and justice before him, all our days.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

To give knowledge of salvation to his people, unto the remission of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God: in which the Orient from on high hath visited us.

To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: to direct our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. O Blessed Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, temple of the Lord, sanctuary of the Holy Ghost: thou alone, without example, wast well pleasing to our Lord Jesus Christ: pray for the people, mediate for the clergy, intercede for the devout female sex.

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

V. Domine exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beatæ Mariæ Virginis utero Verbum tuum, Angelo nuntiante, carnem suscipere voluisti: præsta supplicibus tuis: ut, qui vere eam Genitricem Dei credimus ejus apud te intercessionibus adjuvemur. Per eundem Dominum nostrum, Jesum Christum Filium Tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Commemoration of the Saints.

Ant. Sancti Dei omnes, intercedere dignemini pro nostra omniumque salute.

V. Lætamini in Domino, et exultate justi.

R. Et gloriamini omnes recti corde.

Oremus.

PROTEGE, Domine, populum tuum, et Apostolorum tuorum, Petri et Pauli, et aliorum apostolorum patricinio confidentem, perpetua defensione conserva.

R. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O God, who wast pleased that Thy Word, at the message of an angel, should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: grant to us, Thy humble servants, that as we believe her to be truly the Mother of God, we may be assisted also by her intercession with Thee. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God world without end.

R. Amen.

Commemoration of the Saints.

Ant. All ye saints of God, vouchsafe to make intercession for the salvation of us, and of all men.

V. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just.

R. And glory, all ye right in heart.

Let us pray.

PROTECT, O Lord, Thy people, and let the confidence we have in the intercession of Thy blessed apostles, Peter and Paul, and of Thy

Omnes Sancti tui, quæsumus, Domine, nos ubique adjuvent; ut, dum eorum merita recolimus, patrocinia sentiamus: et pacem tuam nostris concede temporibus, et ab Ecclesia tua cunctam repelle nequitiam: iter, actus et voluntates nostras, et omnium famulorum tuorum, in salutis tuæ prosperitate dispone: benefactoribus nostris sempiterna bona retribue: et omnibus fidelibus defunctis requiem æternam concede. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam,

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Fidelium animæ per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

V. Dominus det nobis suam pacem.

R. Et vitam æternam. Amen.

Here, as also at the end of Complin, one of the Antiphons (p. 128) is said kneeling, except on Sundays, and in Easter time, when they are said standing.

VESPERS.

Ave Maria (*inaudibly*).

V. Deus, in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

other apostles, prevail with Thee to preserve and defend us forever.

May all Thy saints, O Lord, we beseech Thee, everywhere assist us, that whilst we celebrate their merits, we may be sensible of their protection: grant us Thy peace in our times, and repel all wickedness from Thy Church: prosperously guide the steps, actions, and desires of us, and all Thy servants, in the way of salvation: give eternal blessings to those who have done good to us, and everlasting rest to the faithful departed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come to Thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. May the Lord give us His peace.

R. And life everlasting. Amen.

Here, as also at the end of Complin, one of the Antiphons (p. 129) is said kneeling, except on Sundays and in Easter time, when they are said standing.

VESPERS.

HAIL Mary (*inaudibly*).

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

R. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæculorum, Amen. Alleluia. (*From Septuagesima till Easter:* Laus tibi, Domine, Rex æternæ gloriæ.)

Ant. Dum esset rex.

Psalm cix.

Dixit Dominus Domino meo: sede a dextris meis:

Donec ponam inimicos tuos scabellum pedum tuorum.

Virgam virtutis tuæ emittet Dominus ex Sion: dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuæ in splendoribus sanctorum: ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

Juravit Dominus et non pœnitebit eum: tu es sacerdos in æternum, secundum ordinem Melchisedech.

Dominus a dextris tuis: confregit in die iræ suæ reges.

Judicabit in nationibus; implebit ruinas: conquassabit capita in terra multorum.

De torrente in via bibet: propterea exaltabitcaput.

Gloria Patri, etc.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia. (*From Septuagesima till Easter:* Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.)

Ant. While the King.

Psalm cix.

THE Lord said to my Lord: sit thou at my right hand:

Until I make thy enemies thy foot-stool.

The Lord will send forth the sceptre of thy power out of Sion: rule thou in the midst of thy enemies.

With thee is the principality in the day of thy strength, in the brightness of the saints, from the womb before the day-star I begat thee.

The Lord hath sworn, and he will not repent: thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech.

The Lord at thy right hand hath crushed kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among nations, he shall fill them with ruins: he shall crush the heads in the land of many.

He shall drink of the torrent in the way: therefore, shall he lift up the head.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Dum esset Rex in accubitu suo, nardus mea dedit odorem suavitatis.

Ant. Læva ejus.

Psalm cxii.

LAUDATE, pueri Dominum: laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum: ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum: laudabile nomen Domini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus: et super cœlos gloria ejus.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster: qui in altis habitat et humilia respicit, in cœlo et in terra?

Suscitans a terra inopem: et de stercore erigens pauperem.

Ut collocet eum cum principibus: cum principibus populi sui.

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo: matrem filiorum lætantem.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Læva ejus sub capite meo: et dextera illius amplexabitur me.

Ant. Nigra sum.

Ant. While the king was at his repose, my spikenard sent forth an odor of sweetness.

Ant. His left hand.

Psalm cxii.

PRAISE the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth, now and forever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations: and his glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, and looketh down on the low things in heaven and on earth?

Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill.

That he may place him with princes, with the princes of the people.

Who maketh a barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. His left hand under my head, and his right hand shall embrace me.

Ant. I am black.

Psalm cxxi.

Lætatus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi : in domum Domini ibimus.

Stantes erant pedes nostri : in atriis tuis Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, quæ ædificatur ut civitas : cujus participatio ejus in idipsum.

Illuc enim ascenderunt tribus, tribus Domini : testimonium Israel ad confitendum nomini Domini.

Quia illic sederunt sedes in judicio, sedes super domum David.

Rogate quæ ad pacem sunt Jerusalem : et abundantia diligentibus te.

Fiat pax in virtute tua : et abundantia in turribus tuis.

Propter fratres meos, et proximos meos : loquebar pacem de te :

Propter domum Domini Dei nostri : quæsivi bona tibi.

Gloria Patri. etc.

Ant. Nigra sum, sed formosa, filiæ Jerusalem: ideo dilexit me Rex, et introduxit me in cubiculum suum.

Ant. Jam hiems transiit.

Psalm cxxvi.

Nisi Dominus ædificaverit domum : in vanum laboraverunt qui ædificant eam.

Psalm cxxi.

I REJOICED at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet were standing in thy courts, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, which is built like a city, which is compact together.

For thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord: the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

Because there are set thrones of judgment, seats upon the house of David.

Pray ye for the peace of Jerusalem: and abundance for them that love thee.

Let peace be in thy strength: and abundance in thy towers.

For the sake of my brethren and my neighbors, I wished peace to thee:

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I have sought good things for thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. I am black, but beautiful, O ye daughters of Jerusalem: and, therefore, hath the King loved me, and brought me into his chamber.

Ant. Winter is now past.

Psalm cxxvi.

UNLESS the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

Nisi Dominus custodierit civitatem: frustra vigilat qui custodit eam.

Vanum est vobis ante lucem surgere: surgite postquam sederitis, qui manducatis panem doloris.

Cum dederit dilectis tuis somnum: ecce hæreditas Domini filii; merces, fructus ventris.

Sicut sagittæ in manu potentis: ita filii excussorum.

Beatus vir qui implevit desiderium suum ex ipsis: non confundetur cum loquetur inimicis suis in porta.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Jam hiems transiit, imber abiit, et recessit: surge amica mea, et veni.

Ant. Speciosa facta es.

Psalm cxlvii.

Lauda Jerusalem Dominum: lauda Deum tuum Sion.

Quoniam confortavit seras portarum tuarum: benedixit filiis tuis in te.

Qui posuit fines tuos pacem: et adipe frumenti satiat te.

Qui emittit eloquium suum terræ: velociter currit sermo ejus.

Qui dat nivem sicut lanam: nebulam sicut cinerem spargit.

Unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it.

It is vain for you to rise before light: rise after ye have rested, ye that eat the bread of sorrow.

When he shall give sleep to his beloved: behold the inheritance of the Lord are children; the reward, the fruit of the womb.

As arrows in the hand of the mighty: so the children of them that are shaken.

Blessed is the man that has filled his desire with them: he shall not be confounded when he shall speak to his enemies in the gate.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Winter is now past: the rain is over and gone: arise, my beloved, and come.

Ant. Thou art become beautiful.

Psalm cxlvii.

PRAISE the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.

Because he hath strengthened the bolts of thy gates: he hath blessed thy children within thee.

Who hath placed peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the finest corn.

Who sendeth forth his speech to the earth: his word runneth swiftly.

Who giveth snow like wool: scattereth mists like ashes.

Mittit crystallum suam sicut buccellas: ante faciem frigoris ejus quis sustinebit.

Emittet verbum suum, et liquefaciet eja: flabit spiritus ejus, et fluent aquæ.

Qui annuntiat verbum suum Jacob: justitias, et judicia sua Israel.

Non fecit taliter omni nationi: et judicia sua non manifestavit eis.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Speciosa facta es et suavis in deliciis tuis, sancta Dei genitrix.

The Little Chapter.

Ab initio, et ante sæcula creata sum, et usque ad futurum sæculum non desinam, et in habitatione sancta coram ipso ministravi.

R. Deo gratias.

Hymn.

Ave maris stella,
Dei mater alma,
Atque semper virgo,
Felix cœli porta.

Sumens illud Ave
Gabrielis ore,
Funda nos in pace
Mutans Hevæ nomen.

He sendeth his crystal like morsels: who shall stand before the face of his cold?

He shall send out his word, and shall melt them: his wind shall blow, and the waters shall run.

Who declareth his word to Jacob: his precepts and his judgments to Israel.

He hath not done in like manner to every nation: and his judgments he hath not made manifest to them.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Thou art become beautiful and sweet in thy delights. O Holy Mother of God.

The Little Chapter.

FROM the beginning, and before the world was I created; and unto the world to come I shall not cease to be; and in the holy dwelling place I have ministered before him.

R. Thanks be to God.

Hymn.

BRIGHT Mother of our Maker, hail,
Thou Virgin ever blest,
The ocean's star by which we sail,
And gain the port of rest.

Whilst we this *Ave* thus to thee,
From Gabriel's mouth rehearse:
Obtain that peace our lot may be,
And Eva's name reverse.

Solve vincla reis,
Profer lumen cæcis,
Mala nostra pelle,
Bona cuncta posce.

Monstra te esse matrem,
Sumat per te preces,
Qui pro nobis natus
Tulit esse tuus.

Virgo singularis
Inter omnes mitis,
Nos culpis solutos,
Mites fac et castos.

Vitam præsta puram,
Iter para tutum,
Ut videntes Jesum,
Semper collætemur.

Sit laus Deo Patri,
Summo Christo decus,
Spiritui sancto,
Tribus honor unus. Amen.

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

Ant. Beata mater.

The Magnificat.

MAGNIFICAT anima mea Dominum.

Release our long entangled mind
From all the snares of ill;
With heavenly light instruct the blind,
And all our vows fulfil.

Exert for us a mother's care,
And us thy children own,
Prevail with him to hear our prayer
Who chose to be thy Son.

O spotless Maid, whose virtues shine
With brightest purity
Each action of our lives refine,
And make us pure like thee.

Preserve our lives unstained with ill
In this infectious way;
That heaven alone our souls may fill
With joys that ne'er decay.

To God the Father endless praise;
To God the Son the same;
And Holy Ghost, whose equal rays
One equal glory claim. Amen.

V. Grace is poured forth on thy lips.

R. Therefore hath God blessed thee forever.

Ant. Blessed mother.

The Magnificat.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:

Et exultavit Spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ : ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est : et sanctum nomen ejus :

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies : timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo : dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede : et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis : et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum : recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros : Abraham et semini ejus in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Beata Mater, et intacta virgo, gloriosa regina mundi, intercede pro nobis ad Dominum.

V. Kyrie eleison.

R. Christe eleison. *V.* Kyrie eleison.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath looked down on the lowliness of his handmaid, for behold henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

Because he that is mighty hath done great things for me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation unto generation to them that fear him.

He hath shown might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their throne, and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent away empty.

He hath received his servant Israel, being mindful of his mercy.

As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Blessed mother and inviolate Virgin, glorious Queen of the world, intercede for us with the Lord.

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ, have mercy on us. *V.* Lord have mercy on us.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer,

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Oremus.

CONCEDE nos famulos tuos, quæsumus, Domine Deus, perpetua mentis et corporis sanitate gaudere: et gloriosa beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis intercessione, a præsenti liberari tristitia, et æterna perfrui lætitia. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum filium tum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Commemoration of the Saints, etc., as on page 102.

COMPLIN.

AVE Maria (*inaudibly*).

V. Converte nos, Deus salutaris noster,

R. Et averte iram tuam a nobis.

V. Deus in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

Gloria Patri, etc. Alleluia. (*From Septuagesima till Easter*: Laus tibi, Domine).

Psalm cxxviii.

SÆPE expugnaverunt me a juventute mea: dicat nunc Israel.

Sæpe expugnaverunt me a juventute mea: etenim non potuerunt mihi.

Supra dorsum meum fabricaverunt peccatores: prolongaverunt iniquitatem suam.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we, Thy servants, may enjoy perpetual health, both of mind and body; and by the glorious intercession of the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and attain unto eternal joy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God world without end.

R. Amen.

Commemoration of the Saints, etc., as on p. 103.

COMPLIN.

HAIL Mary (*inaudibly*).

V. Convert us, O God our Saviour.

R. And turn away Thy anger from us.

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc. Alleluia. (*From Septuagesima to Easter:* Praise be to Thee, O Lord.)

Psalm cxxviii.

OFTEN have they fought against me from my youth, let Israel now say.

Often have they fought against me from my youth: but they could not prevail over me.

The wicked have wrought over my back: they have lengthened their iniquities.

Dominus justus concidit cervices peccatorum: confundantur et convertantur retrorsum omnes qui oderunt Sion.

Fiant sicut fœnum tectorum: quod priusquam evellatur, exaruit.

De quo non implevit manum suam qui metit, et sinum suum qui manipulos colligit.

Et non dixerunt qui præteribant: benedictio Domini super vos: benediximus vobis in nomine Domini.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Psalm cxxix.

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine: Domine, exaudi vocem meam.

Fiant aures tuæ intendentes, in vocem deprecationis meæ.

Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine: Domine, quis sustinebit?

Quia apud te propitiatio est: et proper legem tuam sustinui te, Domine.

Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus: speravit anima mea in Domino.

A custodia matutina usque ad noctem: speret Israel in Domino.

Quia apud Dominum misericordia: et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

Et ipse redimet Israel: ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.

Gloria Patri, etc.

The Lord, who is just, will cut the necks of sinners: let them all be confounded and turned back, that hate Sion.

Let them be as grass upon the tops of houses, which withereth before it be plucked up.

Whereof the reaper shall not fill his hand, nor he that gathers the sheaves, his bosom.

And they who passed by, said not, the blessing of the Lord be upon you: we have blessed you in the name of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm cxxix.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my petition.

If thou regardest iniquities, O Lord; Lord, who shall bear it.

Because with thee there is mercy; and because of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul has trusted in his word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even till night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm cxxx.

DOMINE, non est exaltatum cor meum: neque elati sunt oculi mei.

Neque ambulavi in magnis: neque in mirabilibus super me.

Si non humiliter sentiebam: sed exaltavi animam meam.

Sicut ablactatus est super matre sua, ita retributio in anima mea.

Speret Israel in Domino: ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Hymn.

MEMENTO, rerum Conditor,
Nostri quod olim corporis,
Sacrata ab alvo Virginis,
Nascendo, formam sumpseris.

Maria mater gratiæ,
Dulcis parens clementiæ
Tu nos ab hoste protege,
Et mortis hora suscipe.

Jesu, tibi sit gloria,
Qui natus es de Virgine,
Cum Patre, et almo Spiritu,
In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.

The Little Chapter.

EGO mater pulchræ dilectionis, et timoris, et agnitionis, et sanctæ spei.

Psalm cxxx.

LORD, my heart is not exalted; nor are my eyes lofty.

Nor have I walked in great matters, nor in wonderful things above me.

If I was not humbly minded, but exalted my soul.

As a child that is weaned is toward his mother, so let my soul be rewarded.

Let Israel hope in the Lord, from henceforth, now and forever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Hymn.

Remember, O Creator, Lord!
That in the Virgin's sacred womb
Thou wast conceived and of her flesh
Didst our mortality assume.

Mother of grace, O Mary blest,
To thee, sweet fount of love, we fly:
Shield us through life and take us hence
To thy dear bosom, when we die.

O Jesus, born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to Thee,
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.

The Little Chapter.

I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Ant. Sub tuum præsidium.

Canticle of Simeon.

NUNC dimittis servum tuum, Domine: secundum verbum tuum in pace.

Quia viderunt oculi mei: salutare tuum.

Quod parasti: ante faciem omnium populorum.

Lumen ad revelationem gentium: et gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.

Gloria Patri, etc.,

Ant. Sub tuum præsidium confugimus, sancta Dei Genitrix: nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus, sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

V. Kyrie eleison.

R. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam,

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Oremus.

BEATÆ et gloriosæ semper Virginis Mariæ, quæsumus, Domine, intercessio gloriosa nos protegat; et ad vitam perducat æternam. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Ant. We fly to thy patronage.

Canticle of Simeon.

Now, O Lord, dost thou dismiss thy servant in peace, according to thy word.

Because my eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared in sight of all nations.

A light for the illumination of the gentiles, and for the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. We fly to thy patronage, O Holy Mother of God: despise not our petitions in our necessities; but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ have mercy on us. Lord, have have mercy on us.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer,

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

MAY the glorious intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever Virgin, protect us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and bring us to life everlasting. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

tuum, Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.
V. Benedicamus Domino.
R. Deo gratias.

The Blessing.

Benedicat, et custodiat nos omnipotens et misericors Dominus, Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

R. Amen.

Then is said one of the following Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin, according to the season.

ANTIPHONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

From the First Sunday in Advent to the Purification, inclusively.

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pervia cœli,
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
Surgere qui curat populo; tu quæ genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem,
Virgo prius ac posterius; Gabrielis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

In Advent.

V. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.
R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God world without end.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

The Blessing.

May the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us.

R .Amen.

Then is said one of the following Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin, according to the season.

ANTIPHONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

From the First Sunday in Advent to the Purification, inclusively.

MOTHER of Christ, hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky,
Mother of Him, who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid:
O, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

In Advent.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Oremus.

GRATIAM tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde: ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

From Christmas to Purification.

V. Post partum, Virgo, inviolata permansisti.

R. Dei Genitrix, intercede pro nobis.

Oremus.

DEUS qui salutis æternæ beatæ Mariæ virginitate fœcunda humano generi præmia præstitisti; tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus, Auctorem vitæ suscipere Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

From Christmas to Purification.

V. AFTER child-birth thou didst remain an inviolate Virgin.

R. Mother of God, make intercession for us.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, by the fruitful virginity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, through whom we have received the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

From the Purification to Easter.

Ave Regina cœlorum;
Ave, Domina Angelorum,
Salve, radix; salve, porta,
Ex qua mundo lux est orta,
Gaude, virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa;
Vale, O valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

V. Dignare me laudare te, virgo sacrata.
R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

Oremus.

CONCEDE, misericors Deus, fragilitati nostræ præsidium: ut qui sanctæ Dei Genitricis memoriam agimus, intercessionis ejus auxilio a nostris iniquitatibus resurgamus. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

From Easter to Trinity Eve.

REGINA cœli, lætare, Alleluia;
Quia, quem meruisti portare, Alleluia;
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, Alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.

From the Purification till Easter.

HAIL, O Queen of heaven enthroned,
Hail, by angels mistress own'd.
Root of Jesse, Gate of morn,
Whence the world's true Light was born.
Glorious Virgin, joy to thee,
Loveliest whom in heaven they see;
Fairest thou where all are fair,
Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against thy enemies.

Let us pray.

GRANT, O merciful God, support to our frailty: that we who commemorate the Holy Mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession, arise from our iniquities. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

From Easter to Trinity Eve.

O QUEEN of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia;
For He whom thou didst deserve to bear,
Alleluia;
Is risen again as He said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia;

V. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria, Alleluia.

R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui, per resurrectionem Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es, præsta, quæsumus, ut per ejus Genitricem virginem Mariam perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday to Advent.

Salve Regina, mater misericordiæ; vita dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evæ. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrymarum valle. Eia ergo advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

V. Ora pro nobis, Sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R. Because our Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, by the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to fill the world with joy, grant, we beseech Thee, that through the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

R. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday to Advent.

Salve Regina.

HAIL, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy; our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus, qui gloriosæ Virginis Matris Mariæ corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu Sancto cooperante, præparasti; da ut cujus commemoratione lætamur ejus pia intercessione ab instantibus malis, et a morte perpetua liberemur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

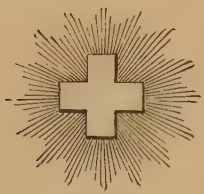
Let us pray.

O almighty and eternal God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mary to become the worthy habitation of Thy Son; grant that, as we rejoice in her commemoration, so by her gracious intercession we may be delivered both from present evils and everlasting death. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

R. Amen.



THE LITTLE OFFICE

OF THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

AT MATINS.

EJA, mea labia, nunc annuntiate
Laudes et præconia Virginis beatæ.

V. Domina, in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Me de manu hostium potenter defende. Gloria Patri. Alleluia. (*From Septuagesimæ to Easter:* Laus tibi, Domine, Rex æternæ gloriæ.)

Hymn.

Salve, mundi Domina,
Cœlorum Regina;
Salve, Virgo virginum,
Stella matutina.

Salve, plena gratia,
Clara luce divina:
Mundi in auxilium,
Domina, festina.

THE LITTLE OFFICE

OF THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

AT MATINS.

COME, my lips, and wide proclaim
The Blessed Virgin's spotless fame.

℣. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

℟. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, etc. Alleluia. (*From Septuagesima to Easter;* Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.)

Hymn.

Hail, Queen of the heavens,
Hail, Mistress of earth,
Hail, Virgin most pure,
Of immaculate birth;

Cle ar star of the morning,
In beauty enshrined,
O Lady, make speed
To the help of mankind.

Ab æterno Dominus
Te præordinavit
Matrem unigeniti
Verbi, quo creavit

Terram, pontum, æthera:
Te pulchram ornavit
Sibi Sponsam, quæ in
Adam non peccavit. Amen.

V. Elegit eam Deus, et præelegit eam.
R. In tabernaculo suo habitare fecit eam.
V. Domina, exaudi orationem meam.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Oremus.

SANCTA Maria, Regina cœlorum, mater Domini nostri Jesu Christi, et mundi Domina, quæ nullum derelinquis, nullum despicis; respice me, Domina, clementer oculis pietatis, et impetra mihi apud tuum dilectum Filium cunctorum veniam peccatorum: ut qui nunc tuam sanctam et Immaculatam Conceptionem devoto effectu recolo æternæ in futorum beatitudinis bravium capiam, ipso, quem virgo peperisti, donante Domino nostro Jesu Christo: qui cum Patre et Sancto Spiritu vivit et regnat, in Trinitate perfecta, Deus in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Thee God in the depth
Of eternity chose;
And formed thee all fair
As His glorious Spouse;

And called thee His Word's
Own Mother to be,
By whom He created
The earth, sky, and sea. Amen.

V. God elected her, and pre-elected her.
R. He made her to dwell in His tabernacle.
V. O Lady, hear my prayer,
R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

HOLY Mary, Queen of heaven, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Mistress of the world, who forsakest no one, and despisest no one; look upon me, O Lady, with an eye of pity, and entreat for me, of thy beloved Son, the forgiveness of all my sins: that, as I now celebrate with devout affection thy holy and Immaculate Conception, so, hereafter, I may receive the prize of eternal blessedness, by the grace of Him whom thou, in virginity, didst bring forth, Jesus Christ our Lord: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, in perfect Trinity, God, world without end. Amen.

V. Domina, exaudi orationem meam,
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.
V. Benedicamus Domino.
R. Deo gratias.
V. Fidelium animæ per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.
R. Amen.

AT PRIME.

V. DOMINA, in adjutorium, etc. (*as at Matins*).

Hymn.

SALVE, Virgo sapiens,
Domus Deo dicata,
Columna septemplici
Mensaque exornata.

Ab omni contagio
Mundi præservata:
Ante sancta in utero
Parentis, quam nata.

Tu mater viventium,
Et porta es sanctorum:
Nova stella Jacob,
Domina angelorum.

Zabulo terribilis,
Acies castrorum:
Portus et refugium
Sis Christianorum. Amen.

V. O Lady, hear my prayer,
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

AT PRIME.

V. O Lady, make speed, etc. (*as at Matins*).

Hymn.

HAIL, Virgin most wise,
Hail, Deity's shrine,
With seven fair pillars,
And table divine,

Preserved from the guilt
Which hath come on us all,
Exempt, in the womb,
From the taint of the Fall.

O new star of Jacob,
Of Angels the Queen,
O gate of the Saints,
O Mother of men,

O terrible as
The embattled array,
Be thou of the faithful
The refuge and stay. Amen.

V. IPSE creavit illam in Spiritu Sancto.
R. Et effudit illam inter omnia opera sua.
V. Domina, exaudi, etc. (*as at Matins.*)

AT TIERCE.

V. DOMINA, in adjutorium, etc. (*as at Matins*).

Hymn.

SALVE, arca fœderis,
Thronus Salomonis,
Arcus pulcher ætheris,
Rubus visionis:

Virga frondens germinis,
Vellus Gedeonis:
Porta clausa numinis,
Favusque Samsonis.

Decebat tam nobilem
Natum, præcavere
Ab originali
Labe Matris Evæ

Almam, quam elegerat,
Genitricem vere,
Nulli prorsus sinens
Culpæ subjacere. Amen.

V. The Lord Himself created her in the Holy Ghost.

R. And poured her out among all His works.

V. O Lady, hear, etc. (*as at Matins*).

AT TIERCE.

V. O Lady, make speed, etc. (*as at Matins.*)

Hymn.

Hail, Solomon's throne,
Pure arch of the law,
Fair Rainbow, and bush,
Which the Patriarch saw.

Hail, Gideon's fleece,
Hail, blossoming rod,
Samson's sweet honeycomb,
Portal of God,

Well fitting it was,
That a Son so divine
Should preserve from all touch
Of original sin:

Nor suffer by smallest
Defect to be stained,
That Mother whom He
For Himself had ordained. Amen.

V. EGO in altissimis habito,
R. Et thronus meus in columna nubis.
V. Domina, exaudi, etc. (*as at Matins*).

AT SEXT.

V. DOMINA, in adjutorium, etc. (*as at Matins.*)

Hymn.

SALVE Virgo puerpera,
Templum Trinitatis,
Angelorum gaudium,
Cella puritatis:

Solamen mœrentium,
Hortus voluptatis:
Palma patientiæ,
Cedrus castitatis.

Terra es benedicta
Et sacerdotalis,
Sancta et immunis
Culpæ originalis.

Civitas Altissimi,
Porta orientalis:
In te est omnis gratia,
Virgo singulars. Amen.

V. SICUT lilium inter spinas.
R. Sic amica mea inter filias Adæ.

V. I DWELL in the highest.

R. And my throne is on the pillar of the clouds.

V. O Lady, hear, etc. (*as at Matins*).

AT SEXT.

V. O LADY, make speed, etc. (*as at Matins*).

Hymn.

HAIL, virginal Mother,
Hail, purity's cell,
Fair shrine where the Trinity
Loveth to dwell.

Hail, garden of pleasure
Celestial balm.
Cedar of chastity,
Martyrdom's palm,

Thou land set apart
From uses profane,
And free from the curse
Which in Adam began.

Thou city of God,
Thou gate of the east,
In thee is all grace,
O joy of the blest, Amen.

V. As the lily among the thorns,

R. So is my beloved among the daughters of Adam.

V. Domina, exaudi, etc. (*as at Matins*).

AT NONE.

V. DOMINA, in adjutorium, etc. (*as at Matins*).

Hymn.

SALVE, urbs refugii,
Turrisque munita
David, propugnaculis
Armisque insignita.

In conceptione
Charitate ignita;
Draconis potestas
Est a te contrita.

O mulier fortis,
Et in vita Judith,
Pulchra Abisag, virgo,
Verum fovens David,

Rachel curatorem
Ægypti gestavit;
Salvatorem mundi
Maria portavit. Amen.

V. TOTA pulchra es, amica mea.
R. Et macula originalis numquam fuit in te.
V. Domina, exaudi, etc. (*as at Matins*).

AT VESPERS.

V. DOMINA, in adjutorium (*as at Matins*).

V. O Lady hear, etc. (*as at Matins*).

AT NONE.

V. O LADY, make speed, etc. (*as at Matins*).

Hymn.

HAIL, city of refuge,
Hail, David's high tower,
With battlements crowned
And girded with power.

Filled at thy conception
With love and with light,
The dragon by thee
Was shorn of his might.

O woman most valiant,
O Judith thrice blest,
As David was nursed
In fair Abisag's breast.

As the saviour of Egypt
Upon Rachel's knee,
So the world's great Redeemer
Was cherished by thee. Amen.

V. THOU art all fair, my beloved,
R. And the original stain was never in thee.
V. O Lady, hear, etc. (*as at Matins*).

AT VESPERS.

V. O LADY, make speed, etc. (*as at Matins.*)

Hymn.

SALVE, horologium,
Quo retrogradiatur
Sol in decem lineis;
Verbum incarnatur,

Homo ut ab inferis
Ad summa attollatur,
Immensus ab Angelis
Paulo minoratur.

Solis hujus radiis
Maria coruscat;
Consurgens aurora
In conceptu micat.

Lilium inter spinas,
Quæ serpentis conterat
Caput: pulchra ut luna
Errantes collustrat. Amen.

V. EGO feci in cœlis, ut oriretur lumen indeficiens.

R. Et quasi nebula texi omnem terram.

V. Domina, exaudi, etc. (*as at Matins*).

AT COMPLIN.

V. CONVERTAT nos, Domina, tuis precibus placatus Jesus Christus Filius tuus.

R. Et avertat iram suam a nobis.

V. Domina, in adjutorium, etc. (*as at Matins*).

Hymn.

HAIL, dial of Achaz,
On thee the true sun
Told backward the course
Which from old he had run,

And, that man might be raised,
Submitting to shame,
A little more low
Than the angels became.

Thou, wrapt in the blaze
Of His infinite light,
Dost shine as the morn
On the confines of night:

As the moon on the lost
Through obscurity dawns;
The serpent's destroyer,
A lily 'mid thorns. Amen.

V. I MADE an unfailing light to arise in heaven,

R. And as a mist I overspread the whole earth.

V. O Lady, hear, etc. (*as at Matins*).

AT COMPLIN.

V. MAY Jesus Christ, thy Son, reconciled by thy prayers, O Lady, convert our hearts,

R. And turn away His anger from us.

V. O Lady, make speed, etc. (*as at Matins*).

Hymn.

SALVE, Virgo florens
Mater illibata,
Regina clementiæ,
Stellis coronata.

Super omnes angelos
Pura immaculata,
Atque ad regis dexteram
Stans veste deaurata.

Per te Mater gratiæ,
Dulcis spes reorum.
Fulgens stella maris,
Portus naufragorum,

Patens cœli janua,
Salus infirmorum,
Videamus Regem,
In aula sanctorum. Amen.

V. OLEUM effusum, Maria, nomen tuum.
R. Servi tui dilexerunt te nimis.
V. Domina exaudi, etc. (*as at Matins*).

THE COMMENDATION.

SUPPLICES offerimus
Tibi, Virgo pia,
Hæc laudum præconia ;
Fac nos ut in via

Hymn.

HAIL, Mother most pure,
Hail, Virgin renowned,
Hail, Queen with the stars
As a diadem crowned,

Above all the angels
In glory untold,
Standing next to the King
In a vesture of gold.

O Mother of mercy,
O star of the wave,
O hope of the guilty,
O light of the grave,

Through thee may we come
To the haven of rest,
And see heaven's King
In the courts of the blest. Amen.

V. THY name, O Mary, is as oil poured out.
R. Thy servants have loved thee exceedingly.
V. O Lady, hear, etc. (*as at Matins*).

THE COMMENDATION.

THESE praises and prayers
I lay at thy feet,
O Virgin of virgins,
O Mary most sweet,

Ducas cursu prospero ;
Et in agonia
Tu nobis assiste,
O dulcis Maria. Amen.

R. Deo gratias.

Be thou my true guide
Through this pilgrimage here;
And stand by my side
When death draweth near. Amen.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE OFFICE OF THE DEAD.

VESPERS.

Ant. Placebo Domino in regione vivorum.

Psalm cxiv.

Dilexi quoniam exaudiet Dominus: vocem orationis meæ.

Quia inclinavit aurem suam mihi: et in diebus meis invocabo.

Circumdederunt me dolores mortis: et pericula inferni invenerunt me.

Tribulationem et dolorem inveni: et nomen Domini invocavi.

O Domine, libera animam meam: misericors Dominus, et justus: et Deus noster miseretur.

Custodiens parvulos Dominus: humiliatus sum, et liberavit me.

Converte, anima mea, in requiem tuam: quia Dominus benefecit tibi.

Quia eripuit animam meam de morte: oculos meos a lacrymis, pedes meos a lapsu.

Placebo Domino: in regione vivorum.

Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine:

Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

THE OFFICE OF THE DEAD.

VESPERS.

Ant. I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm cxiv.

I HAVE loved, because the Lord will hear the voice of my prayer.

Because he hath inclined his ear to me: and in my days I will call upon him.

The sorrows of death have compassed me: and the perils of hell have found me.

I met with trouble and sorrow: and I called upon the name of the Lord.

O Lord, deliver my soul: the Lord is merciful and just, and our God showeth mercy.

The Lord is the keeper of the little ones: I was humbled, and he delivered me.

Turn, O my soul, into thy rest: for the Lord hath been bountiful to thee.

For he hath delivered my soul from death: my eyes from tears: my feet from falling.

I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord:

And let perpetual light shine on them.

Ant. Placebo Domino in regione vivorum.

Ant. Heu mihi, Domine, quia incolatus meus prolongatus est.

Psalm cxix.

Ad Dominum cum tribularer clamavi : et exaudivit me.

Domine, libera animam meam a labiis iniquis, et a lingua dolosa.

Quid detur tibi, aut quid apponatur tibi ad lingnam dolosam ?

Sagittæ potentis acutæ, cum carbonibus desolatoriis.

Heu mihi, quia incolatus meus prolongatus est ! habitavi cum habitantibus Cedar : multum incola fuit anima mea.

Cum his qui oderunt pacem, eram pacificus : cum loquebar illis, impugnabant me gratis.

Requiem æternam, etc.

Ant. Heu mihi, Domine, quia incolatus meus prolongatus est.

Ant. Dominus custodit te ab omni malo : custodiat animam tuam Dominus.

Psalm cxx.

Levavi oculos meos in montes, unde veniet auxilium mihi.

Ant. I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Ant. Woe is me that my sojourning is prolonged.

Psalm cxix.

In my trouble I cried to the Lord and he heard me.

O Lord, deliver my soul from wicked lips, and a deceitful tongue.

What shall be given to thee, or what shall be added to thee, to a deceitful tongue?

The sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals that lay waste.

Woe is me, that my sojourning is prolonged; I have dwelt with the inhabitants of Cedar: my soul hath been long a sojourner.

With them that hated peace I was peaceful: when I spoke to them, they fought against me without cause.

Grant them eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Woe is me, that my sojourning is prolonged.

Ant. The Lord keepeth thee from all evil: may the Lord keep thy soul.

Psalm cxx.

I have lifted up my eyes to the mountains, from whence help shall come to me.

Auxilium meum a Domino, qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Non det in commotionem pedem tuum, neque dormitet, qui custodit te.

Ecce non dormitabit, neque dormiet, qui custodit Israel.

Dominus custodit te, Dominus protectio tua, super manum dexteram tuam.

Per diem sol non uret te, neque luna per noctem.

Dominus custodit te ab omni malo: custodiat animam tuam Dominus.

Dominus custodiat introitum tuum, et exitum tuum: ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

Requiem æternam, etc.

Ant. Dominus custodit te ab omni malo: custodiat animam tuam Dominus.

Ant. Si iniquitates observaveris Domine: Domine, quis sustinebit?

Psalm cxxix.

De profundis clamavi ad te Domine: Domine, exaudi vocem meam.

Fiant aures tuæ intendentes: in vocem deprecationis meæ.

Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine: Domine, quis sustinebit?

My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer thy foot to slip: neither let him that keepeth thee slumber.

Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy protection upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not burn thee by day; nor the moon by night.

The Lord keepeth thee from all evil: may the Lord keep thy soul.

May the Lord guard thy coming in and thy going out: from henceforth, now and forever.

Grant them eternal rest, etc.

Ant. The Lord keepeth thee from all evil: may the Lord keep thy soul.

Ant. If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand?

Psalm cxxix.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand?

Quia apud te propitiatio est : et propter legem team sustinui te, Domine.

Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus : speravit anima mea in Domino.

A custodia matutina usque ad noctem : speret Israel in Domino.

Quia apud Dominum misericordia : et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

Et ipse redimet Israel : ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.

Requiem æternam, etc.

Ant. Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine : Domine, quis sustinebit ?

Ant. Opera manuum tuarum, Domine, ne despicias.

Psalm cxxxvii.

Confitebor tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo: quoniam audisti verba oris mei.

In conspectu angelorum psallam tibi: adorabo ad templum sanctum tuum, et confitebor nomini tuo.

Super misericordia tua, et veritate tua : quoniam magnificasti super omne, nomen sanctum tuum.

In quacumque die invocavero te, exaudi me: multiplicabis in anima mea virtutem.

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness; and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest grant to them, etc.

Ant. If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand?

Ant. Despise not, O Lord, the works of thy hands.

Psalm cxxxvii.

I WILL praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: for thou hast heard the words of my mouth.

I will sing praise to thee in the sight of the angels; I will worship toward thy holy temple, and I will give glory to thy name.

For thy mercy, and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy holy name above all.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me: thou wilt multiply strength in my soul.

Confiteantur tibi, Domine, omnes reges terræ ; quia audierunt omnia verba oris tui.

Et cantent in viis Domini : quoniam magna est gloria Domini.

Quoniam excelsus Dominus, et humilia respicit ; et alta a longe cognoscit.

Si ambulavero in medio tribulationis vivificabis me : et super iram inimicorum meorum extendisti manum tuam, et salvum me fecit dextera tua.

Dominus retribuet pro me : Domine misericordia tua in sæculum : opera manuum tuarum ne despicias.

Requiem æternam, etc.

Ant. Opera manuum tuarum, Domine, ne despicias.

V. Audivi vocem de cœlo dicentem mihi.

R. Beati mortui qui in Domino moriuntur.

Ant. Omne quod dat mihi Pater ad me veniet: et eum qui venit ad me non ejiciam foras.

The Magnificat.

Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

Et exultavit spiritus meus : in Deo salutari meo.

May all the kings of the earth give glory to thee: for they have heard all the words of thy mouth.

And let them sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord.

For the Lord is high, and looketh on the low: and the high he knoweth afar off.

If I shall walk in the midst of tribulation, thou wilt quicken me: and thou hast stretched forth thy hand against the wrath of my enemies: and thy right hand hath saved me.

The Lord will repay for me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: O despise not the works of thy hands.

Grant them eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Despise not, O Lord, the works of Thy hands.

V. I heard a voice from heaven, saying to me.

R. Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord.

Ant. All that the Father giveth me, shall come to me: and him that cometh to me I will not cast out.

The Magnificat.

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ : ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est : et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies: timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo : dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede : et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis : et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum : recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros : Abraham, et semini ejus in sæcula.

Requiem æternam, etc.

Ant. Omne quod dat mihi Pater ad me veniet : et eum qui venit ad me non ejiciam foras.

The following prayers are said kneeling.

Pater noster (*the rest inaudibly*).

V. Et ne nos induces in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

Psalm cxlv.

LAUDA, anima mea Dominum ; laudabo

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation to generation: to them that fear him.

He hath showed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent away empty.

He hath received his servant Israel: being mindful of his mercy.

As he spoke to our fathers: to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me: and him that cometh to me I will not cast out.

The following prayers are said kneeling.

Our Father (*the rest inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

Psalm cxlv.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: in my life I

Dominum in vita mea : psallam Deo meo quamdiu fuero.

Nolite confidere in principibus : in filiis hominum, in quibus non est salus.

Exibit spiritus ejus, et revertetur in terram suam ; in illa die peribunt omnes cogitationes eorum.

Beatus cujus Deus Jacob adjutor ejus, spes ejus in Domino Deo ipsius : qui fecit cœlum et terram, mare, et omnia quæ in eis sunt.

Qui custodit veritatem in sæculum facit judicium injuriam patientibus : dat escam esurientibus.

Dominus solvit compeditos : Dominus illuminat cæcos.

Dominus erigit elisos : Dominus diligit justos.

Dominus custodit advenas : pupillum et viduam suscipiet, et vias peccatorum disperdet.

Regnabit Dominus in sæcula : Deus tuus, Sion, in generationem et generationem.

Requiem æternam, etc.

V. A porta inferi.

R. Erue, Domine, animas eorum.

V. Requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

will praise the Lord: I will sing to my God as long as I shall be.

Put not your trust in princes; in the children of men, in whom there is no salvation.

His spirit shall go forth, and he shall return into his earth; in that day all their thoughts shall perish.

Blessed is he who hath the God of Jacob for his helper; whose hope is in the Lord his God; who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all things that are in them

Who keepeth truth forever; who executeth judgment for them that suffer wrong; who giveth food to the hungry.

The Lord looseth them that are fettered; the Lord enlighteneth the blind.

The Lord lifteth up them that are cast down; the Lord loveth the just.

The Lord keepeth the strangers; he will support the fatherless and the widow; and the ways of sinners he will destroy.

The Lord shall reign forever; thy God, O Sion, from generation to generation.

Grant them eternal rest, etc.

V. From the gates of hell.

R. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer,

R. And let my cry come to Thee.

Oremus.

Absolve, quæsumus, Domine, animam famuli tui, N., fratris nostri, ut defunctus sæculo, tibi vivat: et quæ per fragilitatem carnis humana conversatione commisit, tu venia misericordissimæ pietatis clementer absterge.

Deus, veniæ largitor, et humanæ salutis amator; quæsumus clementiam tuam, ut nostræ congregationis fratres, propinquos et benefactores, qui ex hoc sæculo transierunt, beata Maria semper Virgine intercedente, cum omnibus Sanctis tuis, ad perpetuæ beatitudinis consortium pervenire concedas.

Fidelium Deus, omnium Conditor et Redemptor, animabus famulorum famularumque tuarum remissionem cunctorum tribue peccatorum: ut indulgentiam, quam semper optaverunt, piis supplicationibus consequantur. Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre, in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

V. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine,

R. Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

V. Requiescant in pace. *R.* Amen.

For a Bishop or Priest.

Deus, qui inter apostolicos sacerdotes famu-

Let us pray.

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, N., that, being dead to the world, he (*or* she) may live to Thee; and whatever he (*or* she) has committed through human frailty, do Thou wipe away by the pardon of Thy most merciful goodness.

O God, the giver of pardon, and lover of human salvation, we beseech Thy clemency to grant that the brethren, relations, and benefactors of our congregation, who have departed this life, may, by the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and of all Thy saints, attain to the fellowship of eternal beatitude.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins; that, through pious supplication, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired; who livest and reignest with God, the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

V. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

For a Bishop or Priest.

O God, who amongst apostolic priests hast

lum tuum, N., pontificali (seu sacerdotali) fecisti dignitate vigere: præsta, quæsumus, ut eorum quoque perpetuo aggregetur consortio. Per Dominum nostrum, Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat, in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

V. Anima ejus et animæ omnium fidelium per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

adorned Thy servant, N., with the episcopal (*or* sacerdotal) dignity; grant, we beseech Thee, that he may also be associated with them in everlasting fellowship. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

V. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R. Amen.

MATINS.

The following Invitatory is recited on All-Souls' Day. At other times it is omitted, and the Office begins with the Antiphon of the Psalms.

THE INVITATORY.

Pref. REGEM cui omnia vivunt, venite adoremus.

All. Regem cui omnia vivunt, venite adoremus.

Psalm xciv.

Pref. VENITE exultemus Doimno, jubilemus Deo salutari nostro ; præoccupemus faciem ejus in confessione, et in psalmis jubilemus ei.

All. Regem cui omnia vivunt, venite adoremus.

Pref. Quoniam Deus magnus Dominus, et Rex magnus super omnes deos : quoniam non repellet Dominus plebem suam, quia in manu ejus sunt omnes fines terræ ; et altitudines montium ipse conspicit.

All. Venite adoremus.

Pref. Quoniam ipsius est mare, et ipse fecit illud, et aridam fundaverunt manus ejus : Venite adoremus, et procidamus ante Deum : ploremus coram Domino, qui fecit nos, quia ipse est Dominus Deus noster : nos autem populus ejus, et oves pascuæ ejus.

MATINS.

The following Invitatory is recited on All-Souls' Day. At other times it is omitted, and the Office begins with the Antiphon of the Psalms.

THE INVITATORY.

Pref. COME let us adore the King, to whom all things live.

All. Come let us adore the King, to whom all things live.

Psalm xciv.

Pref. COME, let us praise the Lord with joy: let us joyfully sing to God our Saviour. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise to him with psalms.

All. Come, let us adore the King, to whom all things live.

Pref. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. For the Lord will not reject his people. For in his hands are all the ends of the earth: and the heights of the mountains he beholdeth.

All. Come let us adore.

Pref. For the sea is his and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. Come let us adore and fall down, and weep before the Lord that made us. For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

All. Regem cui omnia vivunt, venite adoremus.

Pref. Hodie si vocem ejus audieritis, nolite obdurare corda vestra, sicut in exacerbatione secundum diem tentationis in deserto: ubi tentaverunt me patres vestri, probaverunt, et viderunt opera mea.

All. Venite adoremus.

Pref. Quadraginta annis proximus fui generationi huic, et dixi, semper hi errant corde: ipsi vero non cognoverunt vias meas, quibus juravi in ira mea, si introibunt in requiem meam.

All. Regem cui omnia vivunt, venite adoremus.

Pref. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

All. Venite adoremus.

Pref. Regem cui omnia vivunt, venite adoremus.

Ant. Dirige, Domine, Deus meus, in conspectu tuo viam meam.

Psalm v.

Verba mea auribus percipe, Domine: intellige clamorem meum.

Intende voci orationis meæ: Rex meus, et Deus meus.

Quoniam ad te orabo: Domine, mane exaudies vocem meam.

All. Come, let us adore the King, to whom all things live.

Pref. To-day, if you hear his voice harden not your hearts. As in the provocation, according to the day of temptation in the wilderness: where your fathers tempted me, they proved me, and saw my works.

All. Come let us adore.

Pref. Forty years long was I offended with that generation, and I said, these always err in heart. And these men have not known my ways: so I swore in my wrath, that they shall not enter into my rest.

All. Come, let us adore the King, to whom all things live.

Pref. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them.

All. Come, let us adore.

All. Come, let us adore the King, to whom all things live.

Ant. Direct, O Lord, my God, my steps in thy sight.

Psalm v.

GIVE ear, O Lord, to my words, understand my cry.

Hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God.

For to thee will I pray: O Lord, in the morning thou shalt hear my voice.

Mane astabo tibi et videbo: quoniam non deus volens iniquitatem tu es.

Neque habitabit juxta te malignus: neque permanebunt injusti ante oculos tuos.

Odisti omnes qui operantur iniquitatem: perdes omnes, qui loquuntur mendacium.

Virum sanguinum et dolosum abominabitur Dominus: ego autem in multitudine misericordiæ tuæ.

Introibo in domum tuam: adorabo ad templum sanctum tuum, in timore tuo.

Domine, deduc me in justitia tua: propter inimicos meos dirige in conspectu tuo viam meam.

Quoniam non est in ore eorum veritas: cor eorum vanum est.

Sepulchrum patens est guttur eorum: linguis suis dolose agebant, judica illos, Deus.

Decidant a cogitionibus suis, secundum multitudinem impietatum eorum expelle eos: quoniam irritaverunt te, Domine.

Et lætentur omnes qui sperant in te, æternum exultabunt: et habitabis in eis.

Et gloriabuntur in te omnes, qui diligunt nomen tuum: quoniam tu benedices justo.

Domine, ut scuto bonæ voluntatis tuæ: coronasti nos.

Requiem æternam, etc.

In the morning I shall stand before thee, and will see: because thou art not a God that willeth iniquity.

Neither shall the wicked dwell near thee: nor shall the unjust abide before thy eyes.

Thou hatest all workers of iniquity: thou wilt destroy all that speak a lie.

The Lord abhorreth the bloody and deceitful man. But as for me I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: in thy fear I will worship in thy holy temple.

Conduct me, O Lord, in thy justice: because of my enemies, direct my way in thy sight.

For there is no truth in their mouth: their heart is vain.

Their throat is an open sepulchre: with their tongues they deal deceitfully: judge them, O God.

Let them fall from their devices; according to the multitude of their iniquities cast them out: for they have provoked thee, O Lord.

But let all that hope in thee be glad: they shall rejoice forever, and thou shalt dwell in them.

And all they that love thy name shall glory in thee. For thou wilt bless the just.

O Lord, thou hast crowned us with thy good will as with a shield.

Grant them eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Dirige, Domine, Deus meus, in conspectu tuo, viam meam.

Ant. Convertere, Domine, et eripe animam meam; quoniam non est in morta, qui memor sit tui.

Psalm vi.

DOMINE, ne in furore tuo arguas me: neque in ira tua corripias me.

Miserere mei, Domine, quoniam infirmus sum: sana me Domine quoniam conturbata sunt ossa mea.

Et anima mea turbata est valde: sed tu, Domine, usquequo?

Convertere, Domine, et eripe animam meam: salvum me fac propter misericordiam tuam.

Quoniam non est in morte, qui memor sit tui: in inferno autem quis confitebitur tibi?

Laboravi in gemitu meo, lavabo per singulas noctes lectum meum: lacrimis meis stratum meum rigabo.

Turbatus est a furore oculus meus: inveteravi inter omnes inimicos meos.

Discedite a me omnes qui operamini iniquitatem: quoniam exaudivit Dominus vocem fletus mei.

Exaudivit Dominus deprecationem meam: Dominus, orationem meam suscepit.

Erubescant et conturbentur vehementer om-

Ant. Direct, O Lord my God, my steps in thy sight.

Ant. Turn, O Lord, and deliver my soul: for there is none in death who will be mindful of thee.

Psalm vi.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy anger, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak: heal me, O Lord, for my bones are sore.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly: but thou, O Lord, how long?

Turn, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me, for thy mercy's sake.

For in death there is no one that is mindful of thee: and who shall praise thee in hell?

I have labored in my groanings, every night I wash my bed: I water my couch with my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation: I have grown old amidst all my enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication: the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be put to shame, and be

nes inimici mei: convertantur et erubescant valde velociter.

Requiem æternam, etc.

Ant. Convertere, Domine, et eripe animam meam: quoniam non est in morte, qui memor sit tui.

Ant. Nequando rapiat ut leo animam meam: dum non est qui redimat, neque qui salvum faciat.

Psalm vii.

DOMINE Deus meus, in te speravi: salvum me fac ex omnibus persequentibus me, et libera me.

Ne quando rapiat ut leo animam meam: dum non est qui redimat, neque qui salvum faciat.

Domine Deus meus, si feci istud: si est iniquitas in manibus meis.

Si reddidi retribuentibus mihi mala: decidam merito ab inimicis meis inanis.

Persequatur inimicus animam meam, et comprehendat, et conculcet in terra vitam meam: et gloriam meam in pulverem deducat.

Exurge, Domine, in ira tua: et exaltare in finibus inimicorum meorum.

Et exurge, Domine Deus meus, in præcepto

very much troubled : let them be turned back, and put to shame very speedily.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them.

Ant. Turn, O Lord, and deliver my soul : for there is none in death who will be mindful of thee.

Ant. Lest at any time like a lion he seize upon my soul, while there is no one to rescue me.

Psalm vii.

O LORD my God, in thee have I put my trust : save me and deliver me from all them that persecute me.

Lest at any time, like a lion, he seize upon my soul, while there is no one to rescue me, or to save.

O Lord my God, if I have done this thing : if there be iniquity in my hands.

If I have made a return to them that did evils to me, let me deservedly fall powerless before my enemies.

Let the enemy pursue my soul, and take it, and tread down my life on the earth, and bring down my glory to the dust.

Rise up, O Lord, in thy anger : and be thou exalted in the borders of my enemies.

And rise, O Lord my God, for the judgment

quod mandasti : et synagoga populorum circumdabit te.

Et propter hanc in altum regredere : Dominus judicat populos.

Judica me, Domine, secundum justitiam meam : et secundum innocentiam meam super me.

Consumetur nequitia peccatorum, et diriges justum : scrutans corda et renes, Deus.

Justum adjutorium meum a Domino : qui salvos facit rectos corde.

Deus judex justus, fortis, et patiens : numquid irascitur per singulos dies.

Nisi conversi fueritis gladium suum vibrabit: arcum suum tetendit, et paravit illum.

Et in eo paravit vasa mortis : sagittas suas ardentibus effecit.

Ecce parturiit injustitiam : concepit dolorem, et peperit iniquitatem.

Lacum aperuit et effodit eum : et incidit in foveam quam fecit.

Convertetur dolor ejus in caput ejus : et in verticem ipsius iniquitas ejus descendet.

Confitebor Domino secundum justitiam ejus : et psallam nomini Domini altissimi.

which thou hast commanded ; and a congregation of people shall surround thee.

And for their sakes, return thou on high : the Lord judgeth the people.

Judge me, O Lord, according to my justice, and according to my innocence on me.

The wickedness of sinners shall be brought to naught : and thou shalt direct the just : the searcher of hearts and reins is God.

Just is my help from the Lord : who saveth the upright of heart.

God is a just judge, strong and patient : is he angry every day ?

Unless ye be converted he will brandish his sword : he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

And in it he hath prepared the instruments of death, he hath made ready his burning arrows.

Behold he hath been in labor with injustice. He hath conceived sorrow and brought forth iniquity.

He hath opened a pit and dug it : and he is fallen into the hole he made.

His sorrow shall be turned on his own head : and his iniquity shall come down upon his crown.

I will give glory to the Lord according to his justice : and will sing to the name of the Lord Most High.

Requiem eternam, etc.

Ant. Ne quando rapiat ut leo animam meam: dum non est qui redimat, neque qui salvum faciat.

V. A porta inferi.

R. Erue, Domine, animas eorum.

Pater noster (*inaudibly*).

THE FIRST LESSON.

PARCE mihi, Domine, nihil enim sunt dies mei. Quid est homo, quia magnificas eum? aut quid apponis erga eum cor tuum? Visitas eum diluculo, et subito probas illum. Usquequo non parcis mihi, nec dimittis me, ut glutiam salivam meam? Peccavi; quid faciam tibi, O custos hominum? Quare posuisti me contrarium tibi, et factus sum mihimet ipsi gravis? Cur non tollis peccatum meum? et quare non aufers iniquitatem meam? Ecce nunc in pulvere dormiam, et si mane me quæsieris, non subsistam.

R. Credo quod Redemptor meus vivit: et in novissimo die de terra surrecturus sum: et in carne mea videbo Deum salvatorem meum.

V. Quem visurus sum ego ipse, et non alius, et oculi mei conspecturi sunt. Et in carne mea videbo Deum salvatorem meum.

Grant them, eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Lest at any time, like a lion, he seize upon my soul, while there is no one to rescue me, or to save.

V. From the gates of hell,

R. Deliver my soul, O Lord.

Our Father (*inaudibly*).

THE FIRST LESSON.

Spare me, for my days are nothing. What is a man that thou shouldest magnify him? Or why dost thou set thy heart upon him? Thou visitest him early in the morning, and thou provest him suddenly. How long wilt thou not spare me, nor suffer me to swallow down my spittle? I have sinned, what shall I do to thee, O keeper of men? Why hast thou set me opposite to thee, and I am become burdensome to myself? Why dost thou not remove my sin, and why dost thou not take away mine iniquity? Behold, now I shall sleep in the dust: and if thou seek me in the morning, I shall not be.

R. I believe my Redeemer liveth, and that in the last day I shall rise from the earth, and in my flesh I shall see God my Saviour.

V. Whom I myself shall see, and not another, and my eyes shall behold. And in my flesh I shall see God, my Saviour.

THE SECOND LESSON.

TÆDET animam meam vitæ meæ; dimittam adversum me eloquium meum, loquar in amaritudine animæ meæ. Dicam Deo: noli me condemnare: indica mihi, cur me ita judices. Numquid bonum tibi videtur, si calumnieris me, et opprimas me opus manuum tuarum, et consilium impiorum adjuves? Numquid oculi carnei tibi sunt: aut sicut videt homo, et tu videbis? Numquid sicut dies hominis dies tui: et anni tui sicut humana sunt tempora, ut quæras iniquitatem meam, et peccatum meum scruteris? Et scias quia nihil impium fecerim, cum sit nemo qui de manu tua possit eruere.

R. Qui Lazarum resuscitasti a monumento fœtidum: tu eis, Domine, dona requiem, et locum indulgentiæ.

V. Qui venturus es judicare vivos et mortuos, et sæculum per ignem. Tu eis, Domine dona requiem et locum indulgentia.

THE THIRD LESSON.

MANUS tuæ fecerunt me et plasmaverunt me totum in circuitu: et sic repente præcipitas me? Memento, quæso, quod sicut lutum feceris me, et in pulverem reduces me. Nonne sicut lac mulsisti me, et sicut caseum me coagulasti? Pelle et carnibus vestisti me: ossibus, et nervis compegisti me. Vitam et misericordiam tribu-

THE SECOND LESSON.

My soul is weary of life, I will let go my speech against myself, I will speak in the bitterness of my soul, I will say to God: Do not condemn me: tell me why thou judgest me so? Doth it seem good to thee that thou shouldst crush me, and oppress me, the work of thy own hands, and help the counsel of the wicked? Hast thou eyes of flesh; or seest thou as man seeth? Are thy days as the days of man, and are thy years as the times of men: that thou shouldst inquire after my iniquity, and search after my sin? And thou knowest that I have done no wicked thing, whereas there is no man that can deliver out of thy hand.

R. Thou who didst raise Lazarus from the corruption of the grave: Thou, O Lord, give them rest, and a place of pardon.

V. Thou who art to come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. Thou, O Lord, give them rest, and a place of pardon.

THE THIRD LESSON.

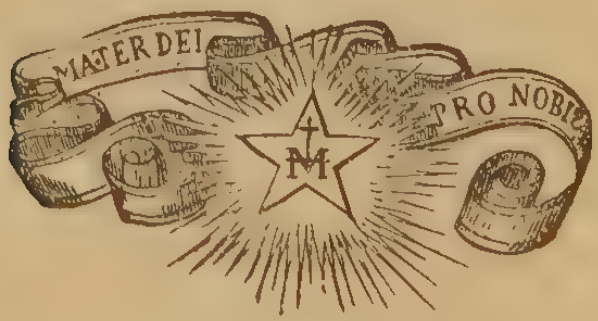
Thy hands have made me, and fashioned me wholly round about: and dost thou thus cast me down headlong on a sudden? Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay, and thou wilt bring me into dust again. Hast thou not pressed me out as milk, and

isti mihi, et visitatio tua custodivit spiritum meum.

R. Domine, quando veneris judicare terram, ubi me abscondam a vultu iræ tuæ? Quia peccavi nimis in vita mea.

V. Commissa mea pavesco, et ante te erubesco: dum veneris judicare, noli me condemnare. Quia peccavi nimis in vita mea.

R. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Quia peccavi nimis in vita mea.



curdled me like cheese? Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh: thou hast put me together with bones and sinews: thou hast granted me life and mercy, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

R. O Lord, when Thou wilt come to judge the earth, where shall I hide myself from the face of Thy wrath? For I have sinned exceedingly in my life.

V. I dread my misdeeds, and blush before Thee: do not condemn me when Thou comest to judge. For I have sinned exceedingly in my life.

R. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. For I have sinned exceedingly in my life.

LAUDS.

Ant. EXULTABUNT Domino ossa humiliata.

Psalm l.

MISERERE mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: dele iniquitatem meam.

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me.

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiæ tuæ manifestasti mihi.

Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

Auditui meo dabis gaudium et lætitiam et exultabunt ossa humiliata.

Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis: et omnes iniquitates meas dele.

LAUDS.

Ant. THE bones that are humbled shall rejoice in the Lord.

Psalm l.

HAVE mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity: and my sin is always before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and I have done evil before thee: that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold, thou lovest truth: the secret and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou wilt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou wilt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou wilt give joy and gladness: and the bones that are humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Cor mundum crea in me, Deus: et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.

Ne projicias me a facie tua: et spiritum tuum ne auferas a me.

Redde mihi lætitiam salutaris tui: et spiritu principali confirma me.

Docebo iniquos vias tuas: et impii ad te convertentur.

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meæ: et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.

Domine, labia mea aperies: et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique: holocaustis non delectaberis.

Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus: cor contritum et humiliatum, Deus non despicies.

Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion: ut ædificentur muri Jerusalem.

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiæ, oblationes, et holocausta: tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.

Requiem æternam, dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Ant. Exultabunt Domino ossa humiliata.

Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy face: and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of thy salvation: and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: and my tongue shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt-offerings: then shall they lay calves upon thy altar.

Grant them eternal rest, etc.

Ant. The bones that are humbled shall rejoice in the Lord.

Ant. Exaudi, Domine, orationem meam: ad te omnis caro veniet.

Psalm lxiv.

Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion: et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.

Exaudi orationem meam: ad te omnis caro veniet.

Verba iniquorum prævaluerunt super nos: et impietatibus nostris tu propitiaberis.

Beatus, quem elegisti, et assumpsisti: inhabitabit in atriis tuis.

Replebimur in bonis domus tuæ: sanctum est templum tuum, mirabile in æquitate.

Exaudi nos, Deus, salutaris noster: spes omnium finium terræ, et in mari longe.

Præparans montes in virtute tua, accinctus potentia, qui conturbas profundum maris, sonum fluctuum ejus.

Turbabuntur gentes, et tiembunt qui abihtant terminos a signis tuis: exitus matutini, et vespere delectabis.

Ant. Hear my prayer, O Lord, all flesh shall come to thee.

Psalm lxiv.

A HYMN, O God, becometh thee in Sion: and a vow shall be paid to thee in Jerusalem.

O hear my prayer, all flesh shall come to thee.

The words of the wicked have prevailed against us: and thou wilt pardon our transgressions.

Blessed is he whom thou hast chosen and taken to thee: he shall dwell in thy courts.

We shall be filled with the good things of thy house; holy is thy temple, wonderful in justice.

Hear us, O God our Saviour, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and in the sea afar off.

Thou who preparest the mountains by thy strength, being girded with power: who troublest the depth of the sea, the noise of its waves.

The gentiles shall be troubled, and they that dwell in the uttermost borders shall be afraid at thy signs: thou shalt make the outgoings of the morning and of the evening to be joyful.

Visitasti terram, et inebriasti eam : multiplicasti locupletare eam.

Flumen Dei repletum est aquis, parasti cibum illorum : quoniam ita est præparatio ejus.

Rivos ejus inebria, multiplica genimina ejus : in stillicidiis ejus lætabitur germinans.

Benedices coronæ anni benignitatis tuæ : et campi tui replebuntur ubertate.

Pinguescent speciosa deserti : et exultatione colles accingentur.

Induti sunt arietes ovium, et valles abundabunt frumento : clamabunt, etenim hymnum dicent.

Requiem æternam, etc.

Ant. Exaudi, Domine, orationem meam : ad te omnis caro veniet.

Ant. Me suscepit dextera tua, Domine.

Psalm lxii.

Deus, Deus meus, *page* 84.

Psalm lxvi.

Deus misereatur nostri, *page* 86.

Thou hast visited the earth, and hast plentifully watered it: thou hast in many ways enriched it.

The river of God is filled with water: thou hast prepared their food: for so is its preparation.

Fill up plentifully the streams thereof, multiply its fruits: it shall spring up and rejoice in its showers.

Thou shalt bless with thy goodness the crown of the year: and thy fields shall be filled with plenty.

The beautiful places of the wilderness shall grow fat: and the hills shall be girded about with joy.

The rams of the flock are clothed, and the vales shall abound with corn: they shall shout, yea, they shall sing a hymn.

Grant them eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Hear my prayer, O Lord, all flesh shall come to thee.

Ant. Thy right hand, O Lord, has received me.

Psalm lxii.

O God, my God, etc., *page* 85.

Psalm lxvi.

May God have mercy on us, etc., *page* 87.

Requem æternam, etc.

Ant. Me suscepit dextera tua, Domine.

Ant. A porta inferi erue, Domine, animam meam.

The Canticle of Ezechias.

Ego dixi: in dimidio dierum meorum, vadam ad portas inferi.

Quæsivi residuum annorum meorum. Dixi: non videbo Dominum Deum in terra viventium.

Non aspiciam hominem ultra: et habitatorem quietis.

Generatio mea ablata est, et convoluta est a me: quasi tabernaculum pastorum.

Præcisa est velut a texente vita mea: dum adhuc ordirer, succidit me: de mane usque ad vesperam finies me.

Sperabam usque ad mane: quasi leo sic contrivit omnia ossa mea.

De mane usque ad vesperam finies me: sicut pullus hirundinis sic clamabo, meditabor ut columba.

Attenuati sunt oculi mei; suspicientes in excelsum.

Domine, vim patior, responde pro me: quid dicam aut quid respondebit mihi, cum ipse fecerit?

Grant them eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Thy right hand, O Lord, has received me.

Ant. From the gate of hell, deliver my soul, O Lord.

The Canticle of Ezechias.

I SAID: In the midst of my days, I shall go to the gates of hell.

I sought for the residue of my years. I said: I shall not see the Lord God in the land of the living.

I shall behold man no more, nor the inhabitant of rest.

My generation is at an end: and it is rolled away from me, as a shepherd's tent.

My life is cut off as by a weaver: whilst I was yet but beginning, he cut me off: from morning even to night thou wilt make an end of me.

I hoped till morning: as a lion, so hath he broken all my bones.

From morning even to night thou wilt make an end of me; I will cry like a young swallow; I will meditate like a dove.

My eyes are weakened, looking upward.

Lord, I suffer violence, answer thou for me. What shall I say, or what will he answer for me, whereas he himself hath done it?

Recogitabo tibi omnes annos meos: in amaritudine animæ meæ.

Domine, si sic vivitur, et in talibus vita spiritus mei, corripies me, et vivificabis me: ecce in pace amaritudo mea amarissima.

Tu autem eruisti animam meam, ut non periret: projecisti post tergum tuum omnia peccata mea.

Quia non infernus confitebitur tibi, neque mors laudabit te: non expectabunt in lacum, veritatem tuam.

Vivens, vivens, ipse confitebitur tibi, sicut et ego hodie: pater filiis notam faciet veritatem tuam.

Domine, salvum me fac: et psalmos nostros cantabimus cunctis diebus vitæ nostræ, in domo Domini.

Requiem æternam, etc.

Ant. A porta inferi, erue, Domine, animam meam.

Ant. Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.

Psalm cxlviii.

LAUDATE Dominum de cœlis, etc., *page* 92.

Psalm cxlix.

Cantate Dominum, etc., *page* 94.

I will recount to thee all my years, in the bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, if man's life is such, and the life of my spirit in such things as these, thou wilt correct me and make me live: behold, in peace is my bitterness most bitter.

But thou hast delivered my soul, that it should not perish: thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

For hell will not thank thee; neither will death praise thee: nor will they that go down into the pit look for thy truth.

The living, the living, he shall give praise to thee, as I do this day; the father shall make thy truth known to the children.

O Lord, save me, and we will sing our psalms all the days of our life in the house of the Lord.

Grant them eternal rest, etc.

Ant. From the gate of hell, deliver my soul, O Lord.

Ant. Let every spirit praise the Lord.

Psalm cxlviii.

PRAISE ye the Lord from the heavens, etc., *page* 93.

Psalm cxlix.

Sing ye to the Lord, etc., *page* 95.

Psalm cl.

Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus, etc., *page* 96.

Requiem æternam, etc.

Ant. Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.

V. Audivi vocem de cœlo dicentem mihi.

R. Beati mortui qui in Domino moriuntur.

Ant. Ego sum resurrectio et vita: qui credit in me, etiamsi mortuus fuerit vivet; et omnis qui vivit et credit in me, non morietur in æternam.

Canticle of Zachary.

Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel, etc., *page* 98.

Requiem æternam, etc.

Ant. Ego sum resurrectio, et vita; qui credit in me, etiam si mortuus fuerit, vivet; et omnis qui vivit et credit in me, non morietur in æternum.

The following prayers are said kneeling:

Pater noster (*the rest inaudibly*).

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

Psalm cl.

Praise ye the Lord in his holy places, etc.

Grant them eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Let every spirit praise the Lord.

V. I heard a voice from heaven saying to me.

R. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

Ant. I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he be dead, shall live; and every one that liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

Canticle of Zachary.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, etc., *page* 99.

Grant them eternal rest, etc.

Ant. I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he be dead, shall live: and every one that liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die.

The following prayers are said kneeling:

Our Father (*the rest inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

Psalm cxxix.

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine; Domine, exaudi vocem meam.

Fiant aures tuæ intendentes: in vocem deprecationis meæ.

Si iniquitates observaveris Domine: Domine quis sustinebit?

Quia apud te propitiatio est: et propter legem tuam sustinui te, Domine.

Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus: speravit anima mea in Domino.

A custodia matutina usque ad noctem: speret Israel in Domino.

Quia apud Dominum misericordia: et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

Et ipse redimet Israel: ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.

Requiem æternam, etc.

V. A porta inferi.

R. Erue, Domine, animas eorum.

V. Requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

The other prayers as at the end of Vespers, *page* 170.

Psalm cxxix.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, will mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness; and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Grant to them eternal rest, etc.

V. From the gate of hell.

R. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

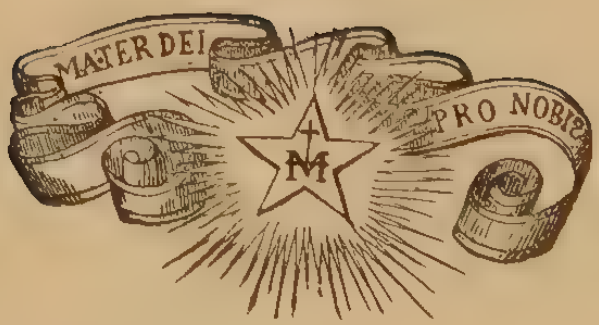
V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come to thee.

The other prayers as at the end of Vespers, *page* 171.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PART III

DAILY AND OCCASIONAL

PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

MATER DEI

MORNING PRAYERS.

On awaking give your first thoughts to God, thank Him for His favors, and beg His grace and protection for the day, saying:

O My God, my only good and the Author of my being, and my last end, I give Thee my heart. Praise, honor and glory be to Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Make the Morning Offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

O Jesus, through the immaculate heart of Mary, I offer Thee the prayers, works, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Thy divine Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; and in particular for the intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer.

Kneel down, if not prevented by infirmity, and say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of Thy divine love. Amen.

O ETERNAL God, most holy and adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the beginning and end of all things, in whom we live, move, and have our being, I firmly believe that Thou art here present; I adore Thee with the most profound humility; I praise Thee; I give Thee thanks from the bottom of my heart for having created me after Thine own image and likeness, and redeemed me with the precious blood of Thy Son; for having hitherto preserved me, and brought me safe to the beginning of this day. Behold, O Lord, I offer Thee my whole being, and in particular all my thoughts, words, and actions, together with such crosses and contradictions as I may meet with in the course of this day. I consecrate them entirely to the glory of Thy name, in union with those of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, that through His infinite merits they may find acceptance in Thy sight. Give them, O Lord, Thy blessing. May Thy divine love animate them; and may they all tend to the greater honor of Thy Sovereign Majesty. Amen.

Here say the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Creed*.

The Confiteor.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the

saints, that I have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant me pardon, absolution and remission of all my sins. Amen.

O Holy Virgin, Mother of God, my advocate and patroness, pray for thy poor servant; show thyself a Mother to me. And thou, O blessed spirit whom God in His mercy hath appointed to watch over me, intercede for me this day, that I may not stray from the path of virtue. St. Joseph, my glorious patron, pray for me. And thou also, O blessed St. N., whose name I bear, pray for me, that I may serve God faithfully in this life, as thou hast done, and with thee glorify Him eternally in heaven.

O Mary, my Queen and my Mother, I offer myself entirely to thee, and in order to prove myself devoted to thee, I consecrate to thee this day, my sight, my hearing, my speech,

my heart, my whole being. Since, then, I am thine, O good Mother, preserve me, defend me as thy property and possession.

Say three *Hail Marys* in honor of the Immaculate Conception, to obtain purity of soul and body, and add:

THROUGH thy Immaculate Conception and sacred Virginity, O most pure Virgin, obtain for me purity of soul and body.

Memorare.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to thee I come; before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

A devout offering before beginning the work of the day.

INTO the hands of Thy unspeakable mercy, O Lord, I commend my soul and body, my senses, my words, my thoughts, and all my actions, with all the necessities of my body and soul; my going forth and coming in, my faith and conversation, the course and end of my life, the day and hour of my death, my rest and resurrection, with Thy saints and elect. Amen.

THE ANGELUS.

To be said morning, noon, and night, in memory of the adorable mystery of the Incarnation of our blessed Saviour. At Easter time, instead of the *Angelus*, the *Regina cœli* is said (*page* 133)

THE ANGEL of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, etc.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

And the Word was made flesh; and dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary, etc.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following indulgenced aspirations may be often repeated during the day.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I offer you my heart and soul!

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you!

Sweetest Heart of Jesus, be Thou my love!

Sweetest Heart of Mary, be my salvation!

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved!

My Jesus, mercy!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

NIGHT PRAYERS.

An essential part of a good night prayer is an *Examination of Conscience*, which may be made in the following acts :

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful servants, and kindle in them the fire of Thy divine love. Amen.

Place yourself in the presence of God, and say :

Impressed with a most lively sense of the presence of Thy Eternal Majesty, I most humbly adore Thee, O my Creator, my Redeemer, and my Judge. I believe in Thee, because Thou art truth itself; I hope in Thee because Thou art faithful to Thy word; I love Thee with my whole heart, because Thou art worthy of my love; and, for Thy sake, I love my neighbor as myself.

Return thanks to God for the favors He has bestowed on you.

Grant me, O my God, to return Thee thanks as I ought for all Thy inestimable blessings and favors.

Thou hast thought of me, and loved me from all eternity; Thou hast given Thy be-

loved Son to the ignominous death of the Cross for my redemption; Thou didst preserve me from falling into the abyss of eternal misery, when my sins had often provoked Thee to deprive me of my life; and Thou wert graciously pleased to spare me, even though I continued to offend Thee. Alas! my God, what return can I make for the innumerable blessings Thou hast conferred on me during the whole course of my life and particularly for the favors of this day? O all ye angels and saints, unite with me in praising the God of mercies, who is so bountiful to so unworthy a creature.

Beg of God to make your sins known to you.

O ETERNAL source of light, who hast said, "Let there be light, and there was light," illumine the darkness of my understanding, and dispel those shades of ignorance and error which conceal from me the guilt and enormity of my offences. Discover to me, I beseech Thee, all the sins I have committed this day, whether in thought, word, deed, or omission; grant me a lively sense of their malice that I may detest them from my heart, and dread nothing so much as ever to commit them again.

Examine your conscience, calling to mind the places where you have been and the company you have kept during the day. Ask yourself what sins you have committed against God, against your neighbor, and against yourself; and how you have discharged the duties of

your state. Make a *Particular Examen* on some special sin or predominant fault. Then say the *Confiteor* (p. 211) and make the following

Act of Contrition.

O FATHER of mercies, who willest not the death of the sinner, look upon me, a miserable sinner, according to the multitude of Thy mercies. I acknowledge and confess, and am heartily sorry for all the sins of my past life, and of this day in particular. I cast myself at Thy feet, and beseech Thee to cover all my sins with that infinite love with which Thou hast loved us from all eternity. I grieve from the bottom of my heart that I have been so ungrateful to Thee for Thy benefits, and have so often offended Thee, my God and my chief good. Spare me, I beseech Thee, by the death and love of Jesus Christ Thy Son; and mercifully forgive me whatsoever sins I have this day, or heretofore, committed against Thee, against my neighbor, or myself.

Make a firm purpose of amendment.

O ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, I wish from the bottom of my heart that I had never sinned against Thee; but since I have been so unhappy, O grant me now Thy grace that I may never offend Thee more.

Thou hast said: I will not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and

live. Convert me, therefore, and I shall be converted. Have mercy on me according to Thy great mercy and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out all my iniquities. I renounce all sin, and the occasions of it; and I firmly purpose henceforth to walk in the path of Thy commandments. This fixed resolution I am determined to keep, with the assistance of Thy grace, purchased for me through the infinite merits of Thine only Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Here say the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, the *Creed* the *Hail Holy Queen* and the *Angelus;* and close your night prayers with three *Hail Marys* in honor of the Immaculate Conception for purity of soul and body.

O MARY, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

While composing yourself to sleep repeat some of the ejaculations p. 216, and say:

INTO THY hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

THE ACTS.

Should be familiar to all and should be often repeated.

A Prayer Before the Acts.

O ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, grant unto us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what Thou hast promised, make us love and practise what Thou commandest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Act of Faith.

O MY GOD! I firmly believe that Thou art one God in three Divine persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; I believe that Thy Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

An Act of Hope.

O MY GOD! relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

An Act of Love.

O MY GOD! I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

An Act of Contrition.

O MY GOD! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

ORDINARY OF THE MASS.

MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

At the foot of the Altar.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God, who giveth joy to my youth.

V. Judge me, O God, and distingnish my cause from the nation that is not holy; deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

R. For Thou, O God, art my strength, why hast thou cast me off? And why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

V. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth; they have conducted me and brought me unto Thy holy mount, and unto Thy tabernacles.

R. And I will go unto the altar of God: to God who giveth joy to my youth.

V. I will praise Thee on the harp, O God, my God; why art thou sorrowful, O my soul? and why dost thou disquiet me?

R. Hope in God, for I will still give praise to Him; who is the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. I will go unto the altar of God.
R. To God, who giveth joy to my youth.
V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Confiteor of the Priest.

R. May Almighty God have mercy on thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to life everlasting.
V. Amen.

Confiteor of the People.

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, and you, Father, to pray to the Lord, our God, for me.

V. May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.
R. Amen.
V. May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.

R. Amen.

V. Thou wilt turn again, O God, and quicken us.

V. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you,

R. And with thy spirit.

Going up to the Altar.

Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord ; that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTROIT.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, and my soul shall be joyful in my God ; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, and with the robe of justice hath He covered me, as a bride adorned with her jewels.

I will extol Thee, O Lord ; for Thou hast lifted me up ; and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

KYRIE.

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

GLORIA.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we adore Thee; we glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty, O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

COLLECT.

O God, who, by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, didst prepare a worthy habitation

for Thy Son; we beseech Thee that, as by the foreseen death of the same Thy Son, Thou didst preserve her from all stain of sin, so Thou wouldst enable us, being made pure by her intercession, to come unto Thee. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost world without end. Amen.

LESSON.

Prov. viii. 22-35.

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his ways, before he made anything from the beginning. I was set up from eternity, and of old before the earth was made. The depths were not as yet, and I was already conceived; neither had the fountains of waters as yet sprung out: the mountains with their huge bulk had not as yet been established: before the hills I was brought forth: he had not yet made the earth, nor the rivers, nor the poles of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was present: when with a certain law and compass he enclosed the depths; when he established the sky above, and poised the fountains of waters; when he compassed the sea with its bounds, and set a law to the waters, that they should not pass their limits; when he balanced the foundations of the earth; I was with Him form-

ing all things ; and I was delighted every day, playing before him at all times ; playing in the world ; and my delight was to be with the children of men. Now therefore, ye children, hear me : blessed are they that keep my ways, hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, and that watcheth daily at my gates, and waiteth at the posts of my doors. He that shall find me shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gradual.

Blessed art Thou, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord, the most high God, above all women upon the earth.

Thou art the glory of Jerusalem ; thou art the joy of Jerusalem ; thou art the joy of Israel ; Thou art the honor of our people.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thou art all fair, O Mary, and there is not a spot in thee. Alleluia.

Before the Gospel.

Cleanse my heart and my lips, O almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaias with a burning coal : and vouchsafe, through Thy gracious mercy, so to purify me, that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord be in my heart and on my lips, that I may worthily, and in a becoming manner, announce His holy Gospel in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you,

R. And with thy spirit.

V. The continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL.

Luke i. 26.

At that time: the Angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth to a Virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the name of the Virgin was Mary. And the Angel coming in to her, said: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

V. By the words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out.

THE CREED.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus

Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God of God; Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; consubstantial with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary; and was made man. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. The third day He arose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified: who spoke by the prophets. And one holy Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

THE OFFERTORY.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with

thee; blessed art thou among women. Alleluia.

At the oblation.

Accept, O holy Father, almighty, eternal God, this immaculate host, which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offences and negligences, and for all here present; as also for all faithful Christians, both living and dead, that it may be profitable for my own and for their salvation unto life eternal. Amen.

O God, who in creating human nature, didst wonderfully dignify it, and hast still more wonderfully renewed it, grant that, by the mystery of this water and wine, we may be made partakers of His divinity, who vouchsafed to become partaker of our humanity, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching Thy clemency, that in the sight of Thy divine Majesty it may ascend with the odor of sweetness, for our salvation and for that of the whole world. Amen.

In the spirit of humility, and with a contrite heart, let us be received by Thee, O Lord, and grant that the sacrifice we offer in Thy sight this day may be pleasing to Thee, O Lord God.

Come, O Sanctifier, almighty, eternal God, and bless this sacrifice prepared in Thy holy name.

At the incensing.

Let my prayer, O Lord, ascend like incense in Thy sight: and the lifting of my hands be as an evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a door round about my lips, that my heart may not incline to evil words, to make excuses in sin.

At the washing of the hands.

I will wash my hands among the innocent: and will encompass Thy altar, O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of praise, and tell of all Thy marvellous works.

I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.

Take not away my soul, O God, with the wicked, nor my life with bloody men.

In whose hands are iniquities: their right hand is filled with gifts.

As for me, I have walked in my innocence: redeem me, and have mercy upon me.

My foot hath stood in the right path: in the churches I will bless Thee, O Lord,

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Bowing over the altar, the priest says:

Receive, O holy Trinity this oblation which

we make to Thee, in memory of the passion, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honor of the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, of blessed John Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all the saints; that it may be available to their honor and our salvation: and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Orate Fratres.

Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and the glory of His name, to our benefit, and to that of all His holy Church.

SECRET AND PREFACE.

Accept this saving host, which in the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary we offer unto Thee; and grant that as we believe her, by Thy preventing grace, to be free from every stain, so by her intercession we may be delivered from all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost.

V. World without end.
R. Amen.
V. The Lord be with you,
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Lift up your hearts.
R. We have them lifted up unto the Lord.
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is meet and just.

It is truly meet and just, right and salutary, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, and praise and bless and glorify Thee in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin; who also, by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, has conceived Thy only begotten Son; and without losing the lustre of her virginity, shed upon the world the eternal light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through whom the angels praise Thy Majesty, the dominations adore Thee, the powers do stand in awe before Thee, the heavens and the virtues of the heavens, and the blessed seraphim do celebrate Thee with united joy. In union with whom we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst command our voices also to be admitted, with suppliant confession, saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE CANON.

We therefore humbly pray and beseech Thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these gifts, these presents, these holy unspotted sacrifices which in the first place, we offer Thee, for Thy holy Catholic Church, to which vouchsafe to grant peace; and also to protect, unite, and govern it throughout the world, together with Thy servant, N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, as also all orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

Commemoration of the living.

Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids, N. and N., and of all here present, whose faith and devotion are known unto Thee, for whom we offer, or who offer up to Thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves, their families and friends, for the redemption of their souls, for the health and salvation they hope for, and for which they now pay their vows to Thee, the eternal, living and true God.

Communicating with, and honoring, in the

first place, the memory of the glorious and ever Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ; as also of the blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers grant that we may be always defended by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our service, as also of Thy whole family; dispose our days in Thy peace, command us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the flock of Thy elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Consecration.

Which oblation do Thou, O God, vouchsafe in all respects to bless, approve, ratify and accept, that it may become to us the body and the blood of Thy most beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Who, the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with His eyes lifted up towards heaven, to God, His almighty Father; giving thanks to Thee, did bless, break, and give to

His disciples, saying: TAKE, AND EAT YE ALL OF THIS; FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

Elevation of the Host.

In like manner, after He had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and venerable hands, and giving Thee thanks, He blessed, and gave to His disciples, saying: TAKE, AND DRINK YE ALL OF THIS; FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT; THE MYSTERY OF FAITH; WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, TO THE REMISSION OF SINS.

AS OFTEN AS YE DO THESE THINGS, YE SHALL DO THEM IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Elevation of the Chalice.

Wherefore, O Lord, we Thy servants, as also Thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed passion of the same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, His resurrection from hell, and glorious ascension into heaven, offer unto Thy most excellent Majesty, of Thy gifts and grants, a pure host, a holy host, an immaculate host, the holy bread of eternal life, and the chalice of everlasting salvation.

Upon which vouchsafe to look with a propitious and serene countenance, and to accept them, as Thou wast graciously pleased to accept the gifts of Thy just servant Abel, and the sacri-

fice of our Patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy High-priest Melchisedech offered to Thee, a holy sacrifice, an immaculate host.

We most humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God, command these things to be carried by the hands of Thy holy angel to Thy altar on high, in the sight of Thy divine Majesty, that as many of us as, by participation at this altar, shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of Thy Son may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commemoration of the Dead.

Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids N. and N., who are gone before us, with the sign of faith, and slumber in the sleep of peace.

To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

And to us sinners, Thy servants, hoping in the multitude of Thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with the holy Apostles and Martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecily, Anastasia, and with all Thy Saints; into whose company we beseech Thee to admit us,

not considering our merits, but freely pardoning our offences. Through Christ our Lord.

At the little elevation.

By whom, O Lord, Thou dost always create, sanctify, quicken, bless, and give us all these things.

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, is to Thee, God the Father almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory.

V. World without end.

R. Amen.

Pater Noster.

Instructed by Thy saving precepts, and following Thy divine institution, we presume to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Amen.

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all evils past, present, and to come; and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of God, together with Thy blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, and Andrew,

and all the saints, mercifully grant peace in our days; that by the assistance of Thy mercy we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, who, with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, God

V. World without end.

R. Amen.

V. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

May this mixture and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be to us, that receive it, effectual to eternal life. Amen.

Agnus Dei.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to Thy Apostles: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; regard not my sins, but the faith of Thy Church; and vouchsafe to it that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will: who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of the Father, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world; deliver me by this, Thy most sacred Body and Blood, from all my iniquities and from all evils; and make me always adhere to Thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from Thee; who, with the same God the Father and Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Let not the participation of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, all unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through Thy goodness, may it be to me a safeguard and remedy, both of soul and body. Who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

AT THE COMMUNION.

I will take the bread of heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

Taking the Sacred Host.

May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

Taking the Chalice.

What shall I render to the Lord for all He hath rendered unto me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord; with praise I shall call upon the Lord and I shall be saved from mine enemies.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to everlasting life. Amen.

For Communion of the people, after the *Confiteor*.

V. May the almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.

R. Amen.

V. May the almighty and merciful Lord give you pardon, absolution, and remission of your sins.

R. Amen.

Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him who taketh away the sins of the world. Lord I am not worthy, etc.

Giving Communion.

May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul to life everlasting. Amen.

At the Ablutions.

Grant, Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind;

and of a temporal gift may it become to us an eternal remedy.

May Thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and Thy Blood, which I have drunk, cleave to my bowels; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, who have been refreshed with pure and holy sacraments. Who livest for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion.

GLORIOUS things have been said of thee, O Mary; because He that is mighty has done great things in thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

POSTCOMMUNION.

Let us pray.

May the Sacraments which we have received, O Lord our God, repair in us the wounds of that sin from which Thou didst singularly preserve the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Mary. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost world without end.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Go, the Mass is ended (*or*, Let us bless the Lord.)

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Amen.

O holy Trinity, let the performance of my homage be pleasing to Thee; and grant that the sacrifice which I, unworthy as I am, have offered up in the sight of Thy Majesty, may be acceptable to Thee, and through Thy mercy be a propitiation for me and all those for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord.

The Blessing.

May almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless you.

R. Amen.

The Last Gospel.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The beginning of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God; the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made; in Him was life, and the life was the light of men; and the

light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the Light, but was to give testimony of the Light. That was the true Light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God: to them that believe in His name, who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God: and THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us: and we saw His glory, as it were, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER MASS.

Almighty and eternal God, who out of Thy immense love hast appointed Thy only begotten Son to be the mediator between Thee and sinners; accept, I beseech Thee, this sacrifice and victim from me, a poor miserable sinner; pardon my defects and negligences in assisting

at it ; bestow on me Thy divine benediction ; grant that I may serve Thee in all things to my last breath, and, after this life, deserve to praise and glorify Thy holy name for all eternity. **Amen.**

VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS.

My Lord Jesus Christ, who for the love which Thou bearest to men, remainest night and day in this Sacrament, full of compassion and of love, calling and welcoming all who come to visit Thee; I believe Thou art present in the Sacrament of the altar. I adore Thee from the abyss of my nothingness, and I thank Thee for all the graces which Thou hast bestowed upon me, and in particular for having given me Thyself in this Sacrament, for having given me Thy most holy Mother Mary as my advocate, and for having called me to visit Thee in this Church. I now salute Thy most loving Heart; and this for three ends: 1. In thanksgiving for this great gift. 2. To make amends to Thee for all the outrages which Thou hast received in this Sacrament from all Thine enemies. 3. I intend by this visit to adore Thee in all the places on earth in which Thou art present in this Sacrament, and in which Thou art the least revered and the most abandoned. My Jesus, I love Thee with my whole heart. I grieve for having hitherto so many times offended Thy infinite goodness. I propose by Thy grace never more to offend Thee for the time to come; and now, miserable and unworthy though I be, I conse-

crate myself to Thee without reserve; I give Thee and renounce my entire will, my affections, my desires, and all that I possess. Henceforth do Thou dispose of me and of all that I have as Thou pleasest. All that I ask of Thee and desire is Thy holy love, final perseverance and the perfect accomplishment of Thy will. I recommend to Thee the souls in purgatory, but especially those who had the most devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and to the most Blessed Virgin Mary. I also recommend to Thee all poor sinners. In fine, my dear Saviour, I unite all my affections with those of Thy most loving Heart, and I offer them thus united to Thy eternal Father, and beseech Him in Thy name to vouchsafe, for Thy love, to accept and grant them.

ACT OF REPARATION.

JESUS, my God, my Saviour, true God and true Man, with that most profound homage with which faith itself inspires me, I adore and love Thee, with my whole heart, concealed in the most august Sacrament of the altar, in reparation for all the acts of irreverence, profanation and sacrilege which I may ever have been so unhappy as to have committed, as well as for all such like acts that ever have been done, or which may be done—though God forbid they should be—in ages yet to come. I adore Thee,

therefore, my God, not indeed as Thou deservest, nor as much as I am bound to adore, but as far as I am able; and I would that I could adore Thee with all the perfection of which all rational creatures are capable. Meantime, I purpose now and ever to adore Thee, not only for those Catholics who adore Thee not and love Thee not, but also instead of, and for the conversion of, all heretics, schismatics, impious atheists, blasphemers, impostors, infidels, Jews, and idolaters. Jesus, my God, mayest Thou be ever known, adored, loved, and praised every moment, in the most holy and divine Sacrament. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS.

Take, O Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. Thou hast given me all that I am and all that I possess; I surrender all to Thee that Thou mayest dispose of it according to Thy will. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I shall be rich enough, and have no more to desire.

PRAYERS FOR CONFESSION.

Before examining your conscience say :

O God, the searcher of hearts, behold, I here protest, in Thy presence, that what I now design is sincerely for the honor of Thy name, and for the purpose of being delivered from the guilt of my sins; therefore I come to this sacrament of penance, that, complying with Thy holy institution, I may obtain Thy blessing and pardon. May Thy holy grace assist me in performing this great duty well, as it is Thy mercy which has called me to do it.

Here reflect briefly on the benefits of God, particularly in instituting the sacrament of penance for the remission of our sins, and say :

How great are my obligations to Thee, O my God, in thus providing for me, after my disgrace, the means of a perfect reconciliation. To have purified me in the waters of baptism was not enough; Thou hast also left me the waters of penance, to wash me still more from my iniquities, and cleanse me from my sins. For this end Thou hast given to the Church, in the persons of the apostles, the power of remitting our offences: Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins ye shall forgive, shall be forgiven them. Oh, what excessive goodness!

What an advantage to poor sinners to have a tribunal established for them, always open, where they may be received into favor! Can I ever be sensible of so striking an instance of Thy bounty? I have withdrawn myself from Thee by a hateful contempt of Thy law, and Thou art pleased to make the first advance to meet me! O Father of mercies and God of goodness, be Thou for ever blessed? Permit me to fly to this powerful refuge, and suffer not that, by a new ingratitude, I should for the future ever abuse so excellent a resource of salvation. No; it is not human respect; it is not custom, nor the fear of being thought careless of my soul, that brings me at present to this sacrament of reconciliation. It is a sincere regret for having incurred Thy displeasure—for who can be at rest, O my God, when he knows he is Thy enemy, and that he has offended the very best of Fathers?

Examine your conscience according to the commandments of God and of the Church and the seven deadly sins; or according to the brief method of our duties toward God, our neighbor and ourselves. Having found out your sins, make a sincere act of contrition and firm purpose of amendment, and say:

I have now here before me, O Lord, a sad prospect of the manifold offences, by which I have displeased Thy divine Majesty, and which

I am assured will appear in judgment against me, if I repent not, and my soul be not disposed, by a hearty sorrow, to receive Thy pardon. But this sorrow, O Lord, this repentance must be Thy free gift; and if it comes not from the hand of Thy mercy, all my endeavors will be in vain, and I shall be forever miserable. Have mercy, therefore, on me, O Father of mercies, and pour forth into my heart Thy grace, whereby I may sincerely repent of all my sins; give me a true contrition, that I may bewail my past misery and ingratitude, and grieve from my heart for having offended Thee, so good a God. Permit me not to be deluded with a false sorrow, as, I fear, I have been too often, through my own weakness and neglect; but let it be now Thy gift, descending from Thee, the Father of lights, that so my repentance may be accompanied with amendment and change of life, and I may be fully acquitted of the guilt of all my sins, and once more received into the number of Thy servants. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFTER CONFESSION.

Accept, O Lord, I beseech Thee, this my confession, and mercifully pardon all my deficiencies, that, according to the greatness

of Thy mercy, I may be fully and perfectly absolved in heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I have acknowledged my sins to Thee, O Lord, and my injustice I have not concealed.

I said: I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord, and Thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

O my divine Saviour, I give thanks to Thee, that Thou hast been pleased to cleanse me from my sins by Thy precious blood. Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, for ever and ever. I acknowledge and adore Thy mercy, and dedicate myself wholly to Thy service hereafter. Assist my weakness, and suffer me not again to fall into my past sins and to be separated from Thee: but so bind my heart and soul to Thee with the cords of Thy love, that I may say with the Apostle: Who shall separate me from the love of Christ?

O Blessed Virgin Mary, my holy patron, N., and all ye saints and angels, praise and extol our Lord for His boundless goodness toward me, a most miserable sinner. Beseech Him

to accept this my humble confession, and to supply, through His infinite mercies, all its deficiencies. Beg of Him to ratify in heaven the sentence of absolution which His minister, the priest, hath pronounced in my favor at the tribunal of confession. Amen.

Before leaving the church, if possible, perform your penance.

DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION.

I FIRMLY believe, O my divine Jesus, that Thou art really present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I believe that it contains Thy body and blood accompanied by Thy very soul and divinity. I acknowledge these truths, I believe these wonders; I adore the power that has wrought them—the same power that said: Let there be light, and light was made. I submit my senses and reason to Thy divine authority; I praise and glorify Thy infinite goodness, which hath prepared this heavenly banquet for the food and nourishment of my soul. Blessed be Thy name for ever! Accept my homage; accept, O my God, my most hearty thanks. But what am I that Thou shouldst work such wonders for my sake? How shall an unworthy sinner as I am presume to approach Thee, who art the inexhaustible source of infinite purity and sanctity? How shall I venture to lift up my eyes to heaven, much less to receive Thee within my breast? I tremble at the sentence of Thy apostle: Whosoever shall eat this bread or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. For I acknowledge myself to be nothing but dust and ashes—a

poor, miserable worm of the earth, subject to many vices, and void of all virtue and merit.

My life has been nothing but sin and misery. I have nothing to confide in but Thy boundless mercy, nor should I ever presume to approach Thy sacred table, and partake of the bread of angels, were I not encouraged by Thy infinite goodness, and excited by Thy own most pressing invitations. It is, therefore, in Thy mercy, which is above all Thy works, that I put my whole trust; and since Thou art pleased to call me to this divine banquet, behold, I come to it, like Magdalen, to be happily united to Thee, and lay down all my sins at Thy feet, in order that they may be cancelled by Thy precious blood. I come to commemmorate Thy sufferings, as Thou Thyself hast ordained. I come, as one sick, to the Physician of life; as one blind, to the Light of eternal glory; as one poor, needy, and distressed, to the King of heaven and earth. To Thee I expose all my wounds, that they may be healed. To Thee I fly for protection, hoping that Thou wilt be to me a Saviour, and that Thou wilt wash away every sin that may defile me.

Take away my blindness, relieve my necessities, and clothe me with Thy grace, that I may receive the adorable sacrament of Thy Body and Blood with such reverence and hu-

mility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, as may be for Thy honor and glory, and the salvation of my soul. I am not worthy, O Lord, to receive Thee: alas! I am not: but Thou canst, if Thou wilt, make me worthy: say but the word, then, and my soul shall be healed. Thou hast heretofore said to the leper in the Gospel: I am willing; be thou cleansed, and he was immediately cured of his disease. My soul is covered with a universal leprosy: heal me, then, O my Saviour, in like manner; cleanse my soul from its stains; remove from it all guilt; extinguish in it every evil disposition; adorn it with the necessary virtues, and make it a fit abode for Thy reception. May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

ASPIRATIONS AFTER COMMUNION.

Behold, O Lord, I now possess Thee who possessest all things, and who canst do all things; take off my heart, then O my God and my all, from all other things but Thee, for in them there is nothing but vanity and affliction of spirit. Let my heart be fixed on Thee alone; let me ever repose in Thee, for in Thee is my treasure, in Thee is the Sovereign Truth, true happiness, and a blessed eternity.

Let my soul, O Lord, feel the sweetness of

Thy presence. Let me taste how sweet Thou art, O Lord! that, being allured by Thy love, I may never more run after worldly pleasures; for Thou art the joy of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Thou art the Physician of our souls, who healest all our infirmities by Thy sacred blood; I am that sick man whom Thou camest from heaven to heal: oh, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee!

Thou art the Good Shepherd, who hast laid down Thy life for Thy sheep! behold, I am that sheep that was lost, and yet Thou vouchsafest to feed me with Thy Body and Blood; take me now upon Thy shoulders to carry me home. What canst thou deny me, who hast given me Thyself? Guide Thou me, and I shall want nothing in the place of pasture where Thou hast put me, until Thou bringest me to the happy pastures of eternal life.

O true Light, which enlightenest every man that cometh into this world, enlighten my eyes that I may never sleep in death.

O King of heaven and earth, rich in mercy, behold I am poor and needy: Thou knowest what I stand most in need of; Thou alone canst assist and enrich me. Help me, O God, and out of the treasures of Thy bounty succor my needy soul.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot, who takest away the sins of the world; Oh, take away from me whatever may grieve and displease Thee, and give me what Thou knowest to be pleasing to Thee and profitable to myself.

O my God and my All, may the sweet flame of Thy love consume my soul, that so I may die to the world for the love of Thee, who hast vouchsafed to die upon the Cross for love of me.

PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

I GIVE Thee thanks, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, that Thou hast vouchsafed, for no merit of my own, but of the mere condescension of Thy mercy, to refresh me a sinner and Thine unworthy servant with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I implore Thee, let not this Holy Communion be to me an increase of guilt unto my punishment, but an availing plea unto pardon and forgiveness. Let it be to me the armor of faith and shield of good will. Grant that it may work the extinction of my vices, the rooting out of concupiscence and lust, and the increase within me of charity and patience, of humility and obedience. Let it be my strong defence against the snares of all my enemies, visible and invisible; the perfect

soothing of all my passions carnal and spiritual, my indissoluble union with Thee the one and true God, and a blessed consummation at my last end. And I beseech Thee, that Thou mayest vouchsafe to bring me, sinner as I am, to that ineffable banquet where Thou, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, art to Thy saints true and unfailing Light, fulness of content, joy for evermore, gladness without alloy, consummate and everlasting bliss. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI.

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification.
Body of Christ, be my salvation.
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins.
Water of Christ's side, wash out my stains.
Passion of Christ, my comfort be.
O Good Jesu, listen to me.
In Thy Wounds I fain would hide,
Ne'er to be parted from Thy side.
Guard me, should the foe assail me,
Call me when my life shall fail me ;
Bid me come to Thee above
With Thy Saints, to sing Thy love,
World without end. Amen.

A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all those who, after Communion, recite the following prayer before any Representation of Christ crucified, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, the Pope.

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and, with burning soul, pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment ; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, calling to mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus : They dug my hands and my feet ; they numbered all my bones.

LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

Lord, have mercy on us,
Christ, have mercy on us,
Lord, have mercy on us,
Christ, hear us,
Christ, graciously hear us,
God, the Father of heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer
of the world,
God, the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, splendor of the Father,
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,
Jesus, king of glory,
Jesus, sun of justice,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, most amiable,
Jesus, most admirable,
Jesus, powerful God,
Jesus, father of the world to come,
Jesus, angel of the great council,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, author of life,
Jesus, example of all virtues,
Jesus, zealous lover of souls,
Jesus, our God,

} Have mercy on us.

Jesus, our refuge,
Jesus, father of the poor,
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, Good Shepherd,
Jesus, true light,
Jesus, Eternal Wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,
Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life,
Jesus, joy of angels,
Jesus, master of apostles,
Jesus, teacher of evangelists,
Jesus, strength of martyrs,
Jesus, light of confessors,
Jesus, purity of virgins,
Jesus, crown of all saints,
Be merciful unto us: Spare us, O Jesus.
Be merciful unto us: Hear us, O Jesus.

Have mercy on us.

From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,
From everlasting death,
From neglect of Thy holy inspirations,
Through the mystery of Thy holy incarnation,
Through Thy nativity,
Through Thy divine infancy,
Through Thy sacred life,
Through Thy labors,
Through Thy agony and passion,
Through Thy cross and dereliction,
Through Thy pains and torments,
Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy glorious resurrection,
Through Thy ascension,
Through Thy joys and glory,
In the day of judgment,

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world:
Spare us, O Lord Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world:
Hear us, O Lord Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world:
Have mercy upon us, O Lord Jesus.
Christ Jesus, hear us.
Christ Jesus, graciously hear us.

V. May the name of the Lord be blessed.
R. From henceforth, now, and for ever.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said: Ask, and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; mercifully attend to our supplications, and grant us the gift of divine charity, that we may ever love Thee with our whole hearts, and never cease from praising Thy holy name, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

O divine Redeemer, give us a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name, for Thou never ceasest to direct and govern by Thy grace those whom Thou instructest in the solidity of Thy love. Who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

ADAPTED FROM

St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Let each one make an Act of Contrition, and form the intention for the application of the Indulgences to be gained.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast made this journey to die for me with unspeakable love, while I have so many times betrayed and forsaken Thee. But now I love Thee with my whole heart, and because I love Thee I repent sincerely of having ever offended Thee. Pardon me, my God, and permit me to accompany Thee on this journey. Thou goest to die for love of me; I wish also, my beloved Redeemer, to die for love of Thee.

1. At the Cross her station keeping,
   Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
   Close to Jesus to the last.

1°. At each station begin by announcing the station and reciting this versicle with its response.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

2°. At the end of each station prayer recite the following act:

I love Thee, O my Jesus, with my whole heart, and I repent of ever having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again by sin. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

3°. Then say, *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, *Glory*, and:

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R. Have mercy on us.

4°. Strophe of *Stabat Mater*.

First Station.

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Consider how Jesus, after having been scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the Cross.

My adorable Jesus, it was not Pilate; no, it was my sins that condemned Thee to die. I beseech Thee, by the merits of this sorrowful journey, to assist my soul in her journey toward heaven.

2. Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,
And His bitter anguish bearing,
Lo! the piercing sword had passed!

Second Station.

JESUS IS MADE TO BEAR HIS CROSS.

Consider how Jesus in making this journey with the Cross on His shoulders, thought of us. and offered for us to His Father the death He was about to undergo.

My most beloved Jesus, I accept all the tribulations Thou hast destined for me until death. I beseech Thee, by the merits of the pain Thou didst suffer in bearing Thy Cross, to give me the necessary help to bear mine with perfect patience and resignation.

3. O, how sad, and sore distressèd,
Now was she, that Mother Blessèd
Of the sole-begotten One.

Third Station.

JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME.

Consider this first fall of Jesus under His Cross. His flesh was torn by the scourges, His head was crowned with thorns and He had lost a great quantity of blood. He was so weakened that He could scarcely walk, and yet He had to carry this great load upon His shoulders. The soldiers struck Him rudely, and thus He fell several times in His journey.

My Jesus, it is not the weight of the Cross, but my sins, which have made Thee suffer so much pain. Ah, by the merits of this first fall, deliver me from the misfortune of falling into mortal sin.

4. Woe-begone, with heart's prostration,
Mother meek, the bitter passion
Saw she of her glorious Son.

Fourth Station.

JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER.

Consider the meeting of the Son and the Mother, which took place on this journey. Jesus and Mary beheld each other, and their looks became as so many darts to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly.

My most loving Jesus, by the sorrow that Thou didst feel in this meeting, grant me the grace of a truly devoted love for Thy most holy Mother. And thou, my Queen, who wast overwhelmed with sorrow, obtain for me, by thy intercession, a continual and tender remembrance of the passion of Thy Son.

5. Who could mark, from tears refraining,
Christ's dear Mother uncomplaining,
In so great a sorrow bowed?

Fifth Station.

SIMON HELPS JESUS TO CARRY HIS CROSS.

Consider how the Jews, seeing that at each step Jesus was on the point of expiring from weakness, and fearing that He would die on the way, when they wished Him to die the ignominious death on the Cross, constrained Simon the Cyrenean, to carry the Cross behind our Lord.

My most beloved Jesus, I will not refuse the Cross, as Simon did; I accept it—I embrace it. I accept, in particular, the death Thou hast destined for me, with all the pains which may accompany it; I unite it to Thy death—I offer it to Thee. Thou hast died for love of me; I will die for love of Thee and to please Thee. Help me by Thy grace.

6. Who, unmoved, could see her languish,
Underneath His cross of anguish,
'Mid the fierce, unpitying crowd?

Sixth Station.

VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS.

Consider how the holy woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus so afflicted, and His face bathed in sweat and blood, offered Him a

napkin, with which He wiped His adorable face, leaving on it the impression of His holy countenance.

My most beloved Jesus, Thy face was beautiful before, but in this journey it has lost all its beauty, and wounds and blood have disfigured it. Alas, my soul also was once beautiful, when it received Thy grace in baptism; but I have disfigured it since by my sins. Thou alone, my Redeemer, by Thy Passion, canst restore it to its former beauty.

7. For His people's sins rejected,
   She her Jesus, unprotected,
      Saw with thorns, with scourges rent.

Seventh Station.

JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME.

Consider the second fall of Jesus under the Cross—a fall which renews the pain of all the wounds of the head and body of our afflicted Lord.

My most gentle Jesus, how many times Thou hast pardoned me, and how many times have I fallen again, and begun again to offend Thee! Oh! by the merits of this new fall, give me the necessary helps to persevere in Thy grace until death. Grant that in all temptations which assail me I may always commend myself to Thee.

8. Saw her Son from judgment taken,
Her belov'd in death forsaken,
Till His Spirit forth He sent.

Eighth Station.

JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM.

Consider how those women wept from compassion at seeing Jesus in such a pitiable state, streaming with blood as He walked along. But Jesus said to them: *Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and your children.*

My Jesus, laden with sorrows, I weep for the offences I have committed against Thee, because of the pains they have deserved, and still more because of the displeasure they have caused Thee, who hast so loved me. It is Thy love, more than the fear of hell, which causes me to weep for my sins.

9. Fount of love and holy sorrow,
Mother, may my spirit borrow
Somewhat of thy woe profound.

Ninth Station.

JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME.

Consider the third fall of Jesus Christ. His weakness was extreme, and the cruelty of His executioners excessive, who tried to hasten His steps when He had scarcely strength to move.

Ah, my outraged Jesus, by the merits of the weakness Thou didst suffer in going to Calvary, give me strength sufficient to conquer all human respect, and all my wicked passions, which have led me to despise Thy friendship.

10. Unto Christ, with pure emotion,
Raise my contrite heart's devotion,
Love to read in every wound.

Tenth Station.

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS.

Consider the violence with which the executioners stripped Jesus. His inner garments adhered to His torn flesh, and they dragged them off so roughly that the skin came with them. Compassionate your Saviour thus cruelly treated, and say to Him:

My innocent Jesus, by the merits of the torments Thou hast felt, help me to strip myself of all affection to things of earth, in order that I may place all my love in Thee, who art so worthy of my love.

11. Those five wounds on Jesus smitten,
Mother, in my heart be written,
Deep as in thine own they be.

Eleventh Station.

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

Consider how Jesus, after being thrown on the Cross, extended His arms, and offered to His eternal Father the sacrifice of His life for our salvation. The executioners fastened His hands and His feet with nails, and raising the Cross, left him to die in anguish.

My Jesus, loaded with contempt, nail my heart to Thy feet, that it may ever remain there to love Thee, and never quit Thee again.

12. Thou, my Saviour's Cross who bearest,
Thou thy Son's rebuke who sharest,
Let me share them both with thee.

Twelfth Station.

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS.

Consider how Jesus, after three hours' agony on the Cross, consumed at length with anguish, bows His head and dies.

O my dying Jesus, I kiss devoutly the Cross on which Thou didst die for love of me. I have merited by my sins to die a miserable death, but Thy death is my hope. Ah, by the merits of Thy death, give me grace to die, embracing Thy feet, and burning with love for Thee. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

13. In the passion of my Maker,
Be my sinful soul partaker,
Weep till death, and weep with Thee.

Thirteenth Station.

JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS.

Consider how, after the death of our Lord, two of His disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, took Him down from the Cross, and placed Him in the arms of His afflicted Mother, who received Him with unutterable tenderness, and pressed Him to her bosom.

O Mother of Sorrows, for the love of Thy Son, accept me for thy servant, and pray to Him for me. And Thou, my Redeemer, since Thou hast died for me, permit me to love Thee: for I wish but Thee, and nothing more.

14. Mine with thee be that sad station,
There to watch the great salvation,
Wrought upon the atoning Tree.

Fourteenth Station.

JESUS IS PLACED IN THE SEPULCHRE.

Consider how the disciples carried the body of Jesus to bury it accompanied by His holy Mother, who arranged it in the sepulchre with her own hands. They then closed the tomb, and all withdrew.

Ah, my buried Jesus, I kiss the stone that encloses Thee. But Thou didst rise again the third day. I beseech Thee by Thy Resurrection, make me rise glorious with Thee at the last day, to be always united with Thee in heaven, to praise Thee and love Thee for ever.

15. Virgin, thou of virgins fairest,
May the bitter woe Thou sharest
Make on me impression deep.

After this, say the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory* five times, in honor of the Passion of Jesus Christ, to gain the indulgences granted to those who recite them.

DEVOTION OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

The entire *Rosary* is made up of fifteen Decades, each Decade consisting of one *Our Father*, ten *Hail Marys*, and one *Glory*, corresponding to fifteen Mysteries of the life of our Blessed Lady, which we should meditate on while reciting it. These Mysteries are divided into three groups: the Joyful, the Sorrowful and the Glorious Mysteries. Each set of Mysteries makes up what is ordinarily called the *Beads* To say the beads:

1. Begin with the *Creed*.
2. Say three *Hail Marys* for the increase of faith, hope and love.
3. Recall the Mystery before each Decade.
4. Recite under each Mystery one *Our Father*, ten *Hail Marys*, and one *Glory*.
5. The Beads are generally closed with the *Hail, Holy Queen* and the following prayer:

V. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, hath purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech Thee, that, by meditating upon these mysteries in the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Mysteries of the Rosary.

I. THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES.

(Mondays, Thursdays, and Sundays from Advent to Lent.)

1. The Annunciation.
2. The Visitation.
3. The Nativity.
4. The Presentation.
5. The Finding in the Temple.

II. THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES.

(Tuesdays, Fridays, and the Sundays of Lent.)

1. The Agony.
2. The Scourging.
3. The Crowning with thorns.
4. The Carrying of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.

III. THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.

(Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from Easter to Advent.)

1. The Resurrection.
2. The Ascension.
3. The Coming of the Holy Ghost.
4. The Assumption.
5. The Coronation.

DEVOTIONS TO SOME PATRONS OF THE SODALITY.

DEVOTIONS TO THE HOLY ANGELS.

LITANY OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL.

(For private devotion.)

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary Queen of Angels,
Holy Angel, my guardian,
Holy Angel, my counsellor,
Holy Angel, my monitor,
Holy Angel, my defender,
Holy Angel, my friend,
Holy Angel, my companion,
Holy Angel, my intercessor,
Holy Angel, my patron,
Holy Angel, my director,
Holy Angel, my ruler,
Holy Angel, my model,
Holy Angel, my protector,
Holy Angel, my comforter,
Holy Angel, my teacher,
Holy Angel, my witness,
Holy Angel, my helper,
Holy Angel, my guide,
} Pray for us.

Holy Angel, my instructor,
Holy Angel, my enlightener,
Holy Angel, my Advocate. } Pray for us.
Lamb of God, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Angel Guardian.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who in the counsel of Thy unspeakable goodness, hast appointed to all the faithful a special Angel Guardian of their body and soul; grant that I may so love and honor him whom Thou hast so mercifully given me, that, protected by the bounty of Thy grace, and by his assistance, I may merit to behold, with him and all the angelic host, the glory of Thy countenance in the heavenly country. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Angel of God.

Angel of God, my Guardian, to whose care I am committed by the divine goodness, enlighten, guard, rule and govern me. Amen.

Ant. They are all ministering spirits, sent to minister to them who shall receive the inheritance of salvation.

V. I will sing praise to Thee in the sight of the angels.

R. I will worship towards Thy holy temple, and I will give glory to Thy name.

Let us pray.

O God, who, in most wonderful order, dost assign the various offices, both of angels and of men; grant, we beseech Thee, that they who always minister before Thy face in heaven, may also defend us in this our life on earth: through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH.

O Blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the Virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my especial patron and advocate, and I firmly resolve from this time forth always to honor thee as such. Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me for thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, and finally to defend and protect me in the hour of death. Amen.

O Guardian of Virgins and Father St. Joseph, to whose faithful care Christ Jesus, innocence itself, and Mary, the Virgin of virgins, were committed: by these two dearest pledges, Jesus and Mary, I pray and beseech of thee, preserve me from all uncleanness, and obtain for me, with

an undefiled mind, a pure heart and a chaste body, faithfully to serve Jesus and Mary all the days of my life. Amen.

Prayer for a Happy Death.

O BLESSED JOSEPH, who didst breathe thy last breath in the fond embrace of Jesus and of Mary, when the seal of death shall close my course of life, come, holy father, with Jesus and Mary, to aid me, and obtain for me this only solace which I ask for in that hour, to die encircled by their holy arms. Into your sacred hands, living and dying, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I commend my soul. Amen.

V. Pray for us, St. Joseph.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be assisted by the merits of the spouse of Thy most holy Mother; so that what we are unable to obtain of ourselves, may be granted us through his intercession: who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

DEVOTION TO ST. ANNE.

O BLESSED ANNE, glorious mother of the Mother of God, well hast thou deserved thy name, which means grace; for to thee was it granted to bear in thy blessed womb the living Paradise greater than all the heavens, who was chosen to conceive and give birth to Him whom the heaven of heavens could not contain. Thou art, O privileged mother, the root of Jesse, from which the fairest flower and the most delicious fruit, Christ Jesus our Lord, has sprung forth. Rejoice, O blessed Anne, for of thy daughter was born that Son who was called the Angel of the Great Council, that is, of the salvation of the whole world. O holy mother, make me partaker of that grace which thou hast drawn so plentifully from the source of all graces, that I may live and die in the love of thy divine Grandchild, Jesus Christ, and under the protection of thy sweetest daughter Mary, His Mother. Amen.

O GLORIOUS PATRIARCH, St. Joachim, and most blessed mother, St. Anne, by the favor which you have obtained with the Triune God, the Father, the Spouse, and the Son of Mary, your immaculate child, obtain for us by your powerful intercession a tender love for the Virgin Mother of God, and an ardent and unceasing desire to be united with her and with Jesus Christ, her Son. Amen.

DEVOTION TO ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA.

A plenary indulgence may be gained on the usual conditions, on *ten consecutive Sundays*, by all those who perform some prayers, meditations or other pious works for the glory of God and in honor of St. Ignatius. The choice of the Sundays is free to each one.

O GLORIOUS PATRIARCH St. Ignatius, we humbly beseech thee obtain for us from God, first of all, freedom from sin, which is the greatest of all evils, and after this, deliverance from all bodily ailments and diseases with which God is wont to punish the sins of men. May thy example enkindle in our hearts the constant desire to employ all our energies for the greater glory of God and the salvation of our neighbor. Obtain for us also by thy intercession from the most loving Heart of Jesus, our Lord, that grace which is the crown of all graces, final perseverance and everlasting bliss. Amen.

V. Pray for us, St. Ignatius.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who, to extend the greater glory of Thy name, hast, through blessed Ignatius, strengthened Thy Church militant with the addition of a new army; grant that, following his example, and assisted by his help, we may so fight the battle of faith on earth, that we may

merit to be crowned with him in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Offering of St. Ignatius, see page 249.
Anima Christi, the favorite prayer of St. Ignatius, see page 260.

DEVOTION TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

THE NOVENA OF GRACE.

The most popular devotion to St. Francis Xavier is the *Novena of Grace*, which is generally made in March, beginning on the fourth and ending on the twelfth.

The origin of the novena is due to the Saint himself. He appeared at Naples in December, 1633, to Father Marcello Mastrilli, S.J., who lay mortally wounded in the head by a blow from an iron hammer, weighing two pounds, falling one hundred feet from the hand of a workman. There was no hope of recovery. The prayers for the dying were being said for the sufferer, who had received the last sacraments. Suddenly the Saint stood by him, clad as a pilgrim, staff in hand, and radiant with heavenly light. "Will you go to India or to heaven?" asked St. Francis, referring to a vow lately made by the dying man to go to India if his life were spared. "I have no will but the will of God," was the answer. "Renew your vow," said the Saint, "kiss the five wounds of the Crucified, beg to shed your blood for Him. . . . Be of good cheer. You are cured." It all came to pass.

The Saint then promised his help to all who should make a novena from March 4 to 12, confess, and receive Holy Communion. So remarkably is his promise kept that the title *The Novena of Grace* was given to it. Its efficacy is not restricted to the date mentioned. The following prayer has been used for the novena from the be-

ginning, and is attributed to Father Mastrilli. Other prayers may be added.

O MOST lovable and loving Saint, in union with thee I adore the divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favors with which God blessed thee during life, and of thy glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with thee in offering to Him my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. I implore thee to secure for me, through thy powerful intercession, the inestimable blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech thee to obtain the favor I ask in this novena. (*Pray for some special grace*). But if what I ask is not for the glory of God, or for the good of my soul, do thou obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.

V. Pray for us, St. Francis Xavier.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst vouchsafe, by the preaching and miracles of St. Francis Xavier, to join unto Thy Church the nations of the Indies; grant, we beseech Thee, that we who venerate his glorious merits, may also imitate his example, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEVOTION TO ST. ALOYSIUS PATRON OF YOUTH.

THE SIX SUNDAYS.

Besides the Plenary Indulgence on the feast of the Saint, six Plenary Indulgences may be gained, on *six consecutive Sundays*, by all those who, in addition to the fulfilment of the usual conditions, spend some time in vocal or mental prayer, or some other pious exercise, in honor of St. Aloysius. The confession and Communion may be made on the preceding Saturdays. The devotion of the Six Sundays is much recommended and widely practised, particularly by young people. It is commonly celebrated on the six Sundays preceding the feast of the Saint, June 21. Any six consecutive Sundays, however, may be chosen.

The following prayers may serve for the purpose as well as for private devotion.

O Blessed Aloysius, adorned with angelic graces, I, thy most unworthy suppliant, recommend specially to thee the chastity of my soul and body, praying thee by thy angelic purity to plead for me with Jesus Christ, the immaculate Lamb, and His most holy Mother, the Virgin of virgins, to keep me from all grievous sin. Oh, never let me be defiled with any stain of impurity; but when thou dost see me in temptation, or in danger of falling, then remove far from my heart all bad thoughts and unclean desires, and awaken in me the memory of eternity to come and Jesus crucified, impress deeply on my heart a sense of the holy fear of God, kindle in me the fire of divine

love, enable me so to follow thy footsteps here on earth, that, in heaven with thee, I may be made worthy to enjoy the vision of our God forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory.

LITANY OF ST. ALOYSIUS.

(For private devotion.)

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Aloysius,
Most beloved of Christ,
The delight of the Blessed Virgin,
Most chaste youth,
Angelic youth,
Most humble youth,
Model of young students,
Despiser of riches,
Enemy of vanities,
Scorner of honors,
Honor of princes,
Jewel of the nobility,
Flower of innocence,
Ornament of the religious state,

Pray for us.

Mirror of self-denial,
Mirror of perfect obedience,
Lover of evangelical poverty,
Most affectionately devout,
Most zealous observer of rules,
Most desirous of the salvation of souls,
Perpetual adorer of the Holy Eucharist,
Pray for us.

Be merciful: Spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful: Hear us, O Lord.

From the lust of the eyes,
From the lust of the flesh,
From the pride of life,
Through the merits and intercession of St. Aloysius,
Through his angelic purity,
Through his sanctity and glory,
We sinners beseech Thee to hear us.
O Lord, deliver us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Lord.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, St. Aloysius.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, the dispenser of heavenly gifts, who didst unite in the angelic youth Aloysius wonderful innocence of life with an equal spirit of penance: grant, through his merits

and prayers, that we, who have failed to follow the example of his innocence, may imitate his practice of penance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to choose well a state of life.

ANGELIC YOUTH, St. Aloysius, whom the divine Mother Mary deigned to call to the Society of Jesus, behold I come to thee with childlike confidence: assist me in the important task of choosing a state of life; guide me by thy most wise counsel, and aid me by thy powerful intercession, that I may choose that state of life in which I can best promote the greater glory of God, and render most secure the salvation of my soul. Amen.

Our Father, *Hail Mary* and *Glory* five times for the intentions of the Holy Father, to gain Plenary Indulgence.

DEVOTION TO ST. STANISLAS KOSTKA.

Prayer for purity.

MY most pure patron St. Stanislas, angel of purity, I rejoice with thee for the marvellous gift of virginal purity which graced thy spotless heart; I humbly pray thee, obtain for me strength against all impure temptations, and inspire me with constant watchfulness to guard my purity—that virtue most glorious in itself,

and most acceptable to God.—*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory.*

Prayer for charity.

My most loving patron Stanislas, seraph of charity, I rejoice with thee for the burning flame of love which ever kept thy pure and innocent heart elevated to and united with its God; I humbly pray thee, kindle in me the flame of the love of God, burning so brightly as to consume all earthly love and set me all on fire with His love alone. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory.*

Prayer for a happy death.

My most tender and holy patron Stanislas, angel of purity and seraph of charity, I rejoice with thee on thy most happy death, originating in thy desire to contemplate Mary assumed to heaven. I give thanks to Mary because she obtained from her divine Son the accomplishment of thy desires: and I pray thee, gracious Saint, by all the lustre of thy happy death, be thou my advocate and patron at the hour of my death. O intercede with Mary for me, to obtain for me a death, if not all happiness like thine, yet calm and peaceful under the safe-conduct of Mary my advocate, and thee my special patron. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory.*

DEVOTION TO ST. JOHN BERCHMANS.

O BLESSED JOHN, who on thy deathbed didst clasp the crucifix, rosary and holy rules in thy hands as the most powerful weapons against the enemy, and didst exclaim: "These three things have been most dear to me in life; with them I gladly die," I beseech thee by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, obtain for me such reverence for the holy precepts of the Gospel, such devotion to the most Blessed Virgin Mary, and such love for Jesus crucified for love of us, that these three sentiments may ever be my strongest armor to ward off the darts of the evil one, and when my last hour shall come, I too may, in accordance with thy example, with full confidence repeat: "These three things have been most dear to me in life; with them I gladly die."

V. Pray for us, St. John.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, we beseech Thee, grant Thy servants to imitate the example of that innocence and faithfulness in Thy service, by which the angelic youth, John, has consecrated to Thee the flower of his age. Through Christ our Lord.

To those who are enrolled in the *Berchmans' Society* for Altar Boys, besides many Partial Indulgences, a Plenary Indulgence is granted on the feast of the Saint, August 13, and on the *five consecutive Sundays* preceding the feast, on the usual conditions, provided they perform some act of devotion each time in honor of St. John Berchmans.

DEVOTION TO ST. AGNES.

O SWEETEST LORD JESUS CHRIST, source of all virtues and lover of virgins, most powerful conqueror of the evil spirits and strict uprooter of vice, cast a compassionate glance upon my weakness. By the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, and thy beloved spouse, the holy virgin and martyr, St. Agnes, grant me the aid of thy heavenly grace, that I may hate all things earthly and love what is heavenly; that I may resist vice, never yield to temptation, walk steadfastly in the path of virtue, not seek honor and praise, shun pleasures, bewail my past sins, keep aloof from the occasion of sin, avoid evil company, seek the society of the good and persevere in virtue; that, by the assistance of Thy grace, I may deserve the crown of eternal life, in the company of St. Agnes and all the saints of Thy kingdom for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Pray for us, St. Agnes.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, who dost choose the weak to confound the strong; grant, we beseech Thee; that we, who celebrate the worship of blessed Agnes, Thy virgin and martyr' may experience her intercession with Thee. Through Christ our Lord.

DEVOTION TO ST. AGATHA.

O BLESSED AGATHA, who didst rather suffer thyself to be reviled, buffeted and ignominiously and painfully tortured by rack, fire and sword, rather than to allow thyself to be defiled in body or soul; and didst deserve to be comforted in thy torments by the sight of thy Guardian Angel and the Prince of the Apostles, obtain for us by thy merits and intercession with thy Spouse, Jesus Christ, joyfully to suffer all temporal loss rather than to prove unfaithful to our Lord and Leader, to whom we have promised everlasting fealty in our baptism. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Pray for us, St. Agatha.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who amongst other miracles of Thy power hast also bestowed the crown of martyr-

dom on a frail creature, mercifully grant, that we who celebrate the memory of Thy blessed virgin and martyr Agatha, may by her example attain to Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEVOTION TO ST. LUCY.

O GLORIOUS VIRGIN AND MARTYR, ST. LUCY, we admire that light of lively faith which it pleased the most merciful God to infuse into thy beautiful soul; enlightened by which thou didst despise the vain and trivial things of this miserable earth, keeping thine eyes fixed upon that heaven for which alone we have been created. The riches and pleasures which the seductive world held out to thee, to the prejudice of faith and divine grace, never clouded thy mind nor allured thy heart. Far from consenting to the offers of thy wicked seducer thou didst show thyself brave and resolute to encounter even death rather than to be unfaithful to thy heavenly Lord. What a shame for us, who, no less enlightened by faith and strengthened by grace, yet know not how to resist our sensual passions and despise the evil maxims and repel the flattery of the infernal enemy! Ah! obtain for us from God, O dear St. Lucy, greater light to seek, not the things of earth, but the things that are above. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Pray for us, St. Lucy.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

HEAR us, O God of salvation, that, as we rejoice in the heroic constancy of blessed Lucy, Thy virgin and martyr, so we may be filled with the spirit of holy devotion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEVOTION TO ST. ROSE OF LIMA.

O BLESSED ROSE, sweet flower blooming on a barren soil, truly wast thou a rose among thorns. With patience and meekness didst thou bear the stings of envious tongues. To these sufferings thou didst add the voluntary tortures of fasting, watching, the crown of thorns and the hair-shirt, to subdue thy flesh and make thyself like to thy divine Spouse. By the merits which thou hast thus gained with thy divine bridegroom, obtain for us the grace to bear patiently all our afflictions, and so to mortify our passions that we may be always acceptable to Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour; who liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

V. Pray for us, St. Rose,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, giver of all good things, who didst enrich the blessed Rose with the dew of Thy heavenly grace, and didst make her grow up among the Indians in the full bloom of purity and patience; grant us, Thy servants, so to follow in the odor of her sweetness, that we may become the good odor of Christ; who liveth and reigneth God world without end. Amen.

WHAT MORTAL TONGUE.

What mortal tongue can sing thy praise,
Dear Mother of the Lord?
To angels only it belongs
Thy glory to record.
Who born of man can penetrate
Thy soul's majestic shrine?
Who can thy mighty gifts unfold,
Or rightly them divine?

O Virgin, what sweet force was that,
Which from the Father's breast
Drew forth His co-eternal Son,
To be thy bosom's guest?
'Twas not thy guileless faith alone
That lifted thee so high;
'Twas not thy pure seraphic love,
Or peerless chastity.

But oh! it was thy lowliness,
Well pleasing to the Lord,
That made thee worthy to become
The Mother of the Word.
Praise to the Father with the Son,
And Holy Ghost through whom
The Word eternal was conceived
Within the Virgin's womb.

DAILY, DAILY SING TO MARY.

Daily, daily sing to Mary,
  Sing, my soul, her praises due,
All her feasts, her actions worship,
  With the heart's devotion true.
Lost in wond'ring contemplation,
  Be her majesty confessed:
Call her Mother, call her Virgin,
  Happy Mother, Virgin blest.

She is mighty to deliver;
  Call her, trust her lovingly;
When the tempest rages round thee,
  She will calm the troubled sea.
Gifts of heaven she has given,
  Noble Lady! to our race:
She the Queen who decks her subjects
  With the light of God's own grace.

Sing, my tongue, the Virgin's trophies,
  Who for us her Maker bore;
For the curse of old inflicted,
  Peace and blessing to restore.
Sing in songs of praise unending,
  Sing the world's majestic Queen:
Weary not, nor faint in telling
  All the gifts she gives to men.

HAIL, BRIGHT STAR OF OCEAN.

Hail, bright Star of ocean,
God's own Mother blest;
Ever sinless Virgin,
Gate of heavenly rest.
Taking that sweet *Ave*
Which from Gabriel came.
Peace confirm within us,
Changing *Eva's* name.

Break the captive's fetters,
Light on blindness pour,
All our ills expelling,
Ev'ry bliss implore.
Show thyself a Mother,
May the Word divine,
Born for us, thine Infant,
Hear our prayers thro' thine.

Keep our life all spotless,
Make our way secure,
Till we find in Jesus
Joy for evermore.
Thro' the highest heaven,
To that mighty Three,
Father, Son and Spirit,
One same glory be.

IMMACULATE ! IMMACULATE !

O Mother, I could weep for mirth,
Joy fills my heart so fast ;
My soul to-day is heav'n on earth !
Oh, could that transport last.
I think of thee and what thou art,
Thy majesty, thy state,
And I keep singing in my heart :
Immaculate ! Immaculate.

The angels answer with their songs,
Bright choirs in gleaming rows ;
And saints flock round thy feet in throngs,
And heav'n with bliss o'erflows.
I think, etc.

Oh ! I would rather, Mother dear,
Thou should'st be what thou art,
Than sit where thou dost, oh ! so near
Unto the Sacred Heart.
I think, etc.

Oh ! I would forfeit all for thee,
Rather than thou should'st miss
One jewel from thy majesty,
One glory from thy bliss.
I think, etc.

STAR OF JACOB.

Star of Jacob, ever beaming
With a radiance all divine,
'Mid the stars of highest heaven
Glows no purer ray than thine.

All in stoles of snowy whiteness,
Unto thee the angels sing;
Unto thee virgin choirs,
Mother of th' eternal King!

Joyful in thy path they scatter
Roses white and lilies fair;
Yet with thy celestial beauty
Rose nor lily may compare.

Oh! that this low earth of ours
Answ'ring to th' angelic strain,
With thy praises might re-echo,
Till the heavens replied again.

O MARY BLEST.

O Mary, blest,
A mother be to me,
For who in heaven or earth can find
A mother half so good and kind,
So fair, so sweet as thee,
So fair, so sweet as thee.

Think, Mother blest,
That thine own Son divine,
When nailed upon His Cross on high,
For me He was about to die,
Made thee, His Mother, mine,
Made thee, His Mother, mine.

O thou who art
In heav'n at His right hand,
Obtain that I again may see
My parents dear with Him and thee,
In that bright happy land,
In that bright happy land.

MOTHER OF GOD.

Mother of God, my life, my hope, my treasure,
Look on thy child, and hear me from above ;
Mother of God, what joy, what untold pleasure,
Thrills thro' the soul that thinks on all thy love.
Mother of Jesus, Mother most fair,
Show to thy children a mother's love and care,
Show to thy children a mother's love and care.

Mother of God ! my childhood days caressing,
Fondly thy hands my steps have homeward led,
Mother of God, each moment counts a blessing,
Which o'er my soul thy watchful love has shed.
Mother of Jesus, etc.

Mother of God, if e'er my heart forgetting
Thy love unceasing, that has guarded me,
Mother of God, O then, may deep regretting
Recall my soul to love of God and thee.
Mother of Jesus, etc.

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN.

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the Ocean's Star,
Guide of the wand'rer here below,
Toss'd on life's surge we claim thy care;
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee,
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
To thee, blest Advocate, we cry;
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to Him, who reigns above
In Godhead One, in Person Three,
The source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee:
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the Sea,
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

MEMORARE.

O Mother blest, whom God bestows
On sinners and on just,
What joy, what hope thou givest those
Who in thy mercy trust.
Most holy Mary, at thy feet
Thy children bend a suppliant knee;
Dear Mother of my God,
Do thou remember me.

Remember, Mary, Virgin fair,
It never yet was told
That he who humbly sought thy care,
Departed unconsoled.
Most holy Mary, etc.

O Mother blest, for me obtain,
Ungrateful though I be,
To love that God who first could deign
To show such love to me.
Most holy Mary, etc.

CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY.

Daughter of God the Father,
O Virgin pure and mild ;
I venerate and love thee,
Accept me for thy child ;
My soul and all its powers
I consecrate to thee ;
Be pleased, most holy Mother,
From sin to keep me free,
Be pleased, most holy Mother,
To pray our Lord for me.

Mother of our Redeemer,
O Virgin pure and mild ;
I venerate and love thee,
Accept me for thy child ;
My body and its senses
I consecrate to thee ;
Be pleased, etc.

Spouse of the Holy Spirit,
O Virgin, pure and mild ;
I venerate and love thee,
Accept me for thy child ;
My heart and its affections
I consecrate to thee ;
Be pleased, etc.

LOOK DOWN, O MOTHER MARY!

Look down, O Mother Mary,
From thy bright throne above;
Cast down upon thy children
One only glance of love.
And if a heart so tender
With pity flows not o'er,
Then turn away, O Mother,
And look on us no more.

See how ingrate and guilty
We stand before thy Son;
His loving Heart reproaches
The evil we have done.
But if thou wilt appease Him,
Speak for us but one word;
Thou only canst obtain us
The pardon of the Lord.

O Mary, dearest Mother,
If thou wouldst have us live,
Say that we are thy children,
And then He will forgive.
Our sins make us unworthy
That title still to bear,
But thou art still our Mother,
Then show a Mother's care.

SALVE REGINA.

Hail! holy Queen enthron'd above,
O Maria!
Hail! Mother of Mercy and of love,
O Maria!
Triumph all, ye Cherubim,
Sing with us, ye Seraphim,
Heaven and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve, salve Regina!

Our life, our sweetness here below,
O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe,
O Maria!
Triumph, etc.

To thee, we cry, poor sons of Eve,
O Maria!
To thee we sigh, we mourn, we grieve,
O Maria!
Triumph, etc.

This earth is but a vale of tears,
O Maria!
A place of banishment, of fears,
O Maria!
Triumph, etc.

Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,
O Maria!
Tow'rds us thine eyes compassionate,
O Maria!
Triumph, etc.

When this our exile is complete,
O Maria!
Show us thy womb-born Jesus sweet,
O Maria!
Triumph, etc.

O clement, gracious, Mother sweet,
O Maria!
O Virgin Mary, we entreat,
O Maria!
Triumph, etc.

O MARY, MY MOTHER.

O Mary, my Mother, most lovely, most mild,
Look down upon me, a poor, weak, lowly child;
From the land of my exile I call upon thee;
Then Mary, my Mother, look kindly on me,
Then Mary, my Mother, look kindly on me,

If thou dost forsake me, ah! where shall I go?
My comfort and refuge in this valley of woe;
When the world and its dangers with terror I see,
Sweet hopes come to cheer me in thinking of thee;
Sweet hopes come to cheer me in thinking of thee.

In sorrow, in darkness, be still at my side,
My light and my refuge, my helper and guide;
Though snares should surround me, yet why should I fear?
I know I am weak, but my Mother is near;
I know I am weak, but my Mother is near.

O SANCTISSIMA.

O sanctissima,
O piissima,
Dulcis Virgo Maria !
Mater amata,
Intemerata,
Ora, ora pro nobis.

Tu solatium,
Et refugium,
Virgo Mater Maria !
Quiquid optamus,
Per te speramus ;
Ora, ora pro nobis.

Ecce debiles,
Perquam flebiles,
Salva nos, O Maria !
Tolle languores,
Sana dolores,
Ora, ora pro nobis.

Virgo respice,
Mater aspice,
Audi nos, O Maria !
Tu medicinam
Portas divinam
Ora, ora pro nobis.

TE DEUM.

Holy God, we praise Thy name,
Lord of all, we bow before Thee:
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn,
Angel choirs above are raising:
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train
Join, Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee,
Though in essence only One.
Undivided God we claim Thee,
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

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